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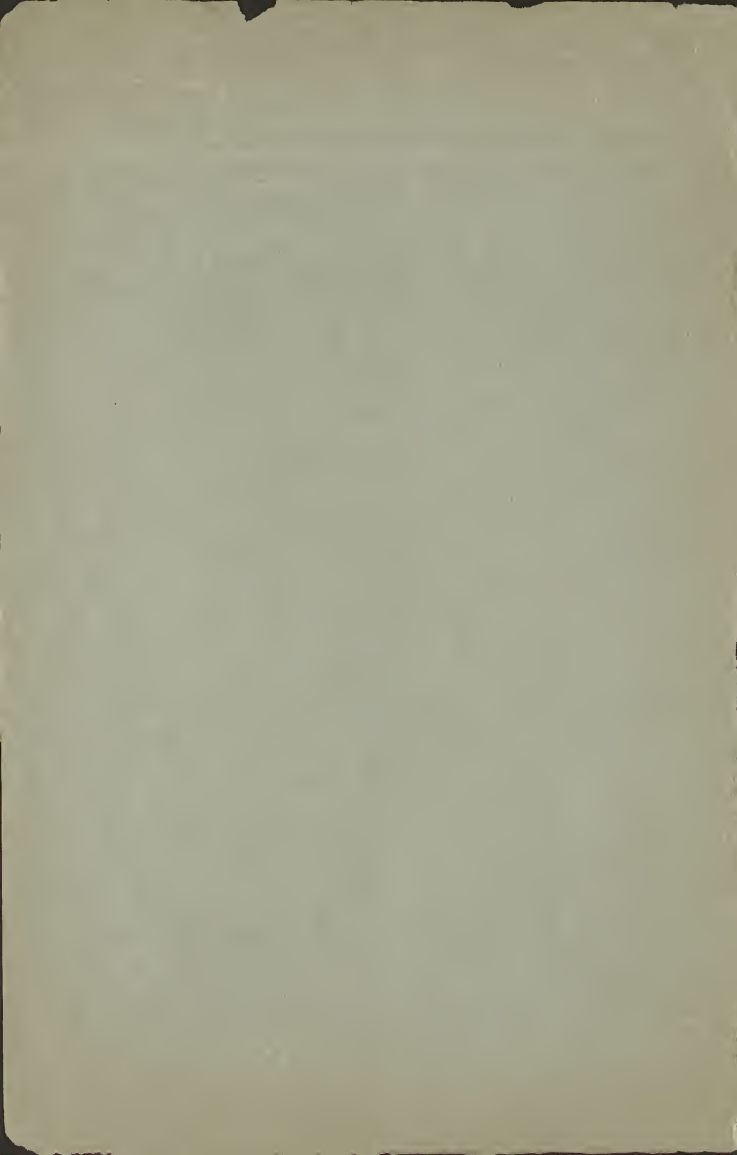


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SEVENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
CONNECTICUT BAPTIST CONVENTION,
AND THE
SEVENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE

Connecticut Baptist Educational Society

TOGETHER WITH

REPORTS OF OTHER AFFILIATED SOCIETIES ; CONFERENCE OF THE BAPTIST
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ACT OF INCORPORATION.

RESOLUTION INCORPORATING THE GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE BAPTIST
CHURCHES IN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND VICINITY—PASSED
MAY, 1824.

Resolved by this Assembly:—That Asa Wilcox, Jonathan Goodwin, Augustus Bolles, Joseph B. Gilbert, Robert Francis, Elisha Cushman, Roswell Burrows, Oliver Wilson, John Turney, Jeremiah Brown, Claudius L. Collins, Rufus Babcock, Wm. H. Manning, and Wm. Quiner, and their associates, be, and they are hereby made and constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of the *General Convention of the Baptist Churches in the State of Connecticut and Vicinity*, and by that name they and their successors shall and may have perpetual succession; shall be capable of suing and being sued, plead and being impleaded, in all suits of what nature soever, may have a common seal, and the same alter or change at pleasure; and may also have, purchase, receive, hold, and convey away estate, real, personal, or mixed, the annual income of which shall not exceed three thousand dollars. *Provided* that said income, whatever may be the amount thereof, be annually expended and appropriated to the purposes designated in said petition.

Said Convention may from time to time, elect a president and such other officers and agents as they may find necessary or convenient; may make by-laws respecting the number, qualifications and duties of their officers and members, prescribe the mode of election, and admission of members, the time, place and manner of holding their meetings; the number necessary to form a quorum, and all other by-laws and regulations the said convention may deem necessary for the government and due regulation of its concerns, to promote and secure the essential objects of said Convention as expressed in their constitution, not repugnant to the laws of this State or of the United States.

The first meeting of said Convention shall be holden at the Baptist Meeting House in the city of Middletown, in the county of Middlesex, on the second Wednesday of June, A. D. 1824, at nine o'clock in the forenoon.

This act of incorporation, or any part thereof, may be altered, amended, or repealed, at the pleasure of the General Assembly.

RESOLVE IN ALTERATION, PASSED MAY, 1829.

Resolved by this Assembly:—That said corporation be hereafter called and known by the name of "*The Connecticut Baptist Convention.*"

CONSTITUTION OF CONVENTION.

ARTICLE I. The name of this body shall be THE CONNECTICUT BAPTIST CONVENTION.

ARTICLE II. The object of this Convention shall be to promote the preaching of the Gospel, and the organization and maintenance of Baptist Churches and Sunday-schools in the State of Connecticut.

ARTICLE III. This Convention shall consist of delegates from the Baptist churches in Connecticut, of the same faith and order as the present associated Baptist Churches. Each of such churches as shall have contributed to the funds of the Convention during the year last preceding the annual meeting, may be represented by its pastor and one delegate for every one hundred and fraction of one hundred resident members; provided that no church shall be entitled to more than five delegates besides its pastor. Every church having one or more schools connected therewith may elect and send an additional delegate to represent each such school.

ARTICLE IV. The officers of the Convention shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Auditor; all of whom shall be elected annually by ballot, and whose duties shall be specified in by-laws adopted by the Convention.

ARTICLE V. There shall be a Board of Trustees, not exceeding thirty-three (33) in number, one-third of whom, after the first election, shall be chosen annually by ballot. At the first election they shall be chosen in classes of one, two, and three years. At least one-third of the trustees shall be laymen. The Trustees, together with the officers of the Convention, shall constitute a Board of Management, in which shall be vested all the privileges and authority of the Convention when the Convention is not in session. The duties of the Board of Trustees shall be specified in by-laws adopted by the Convention.

ARTICLE VI. The Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of all the delegates present at any annual meeting, after one year's previous notice.

BY-LAWS FOR GOVERNMENT OF THE MEETINGS OF THE CONVENTION.

1. The Convention shall meet on Tuesday preceding the third Wednesday in October, at 10 o'clock A. M., and the morning shall be devoted to the transaction of business in the following order:

1. Calling to order.
2. Reading of the Scriptures and Prayer.
3. Address of the President.
4. Calling Roll of Delegates.
5. Report of Trustees.
6. Report of Treasurer.
7. Election of Officers.

Tuesday afternoon and evening shall be devoted to the mission work of the Convention. Reports shall be heard from the Superintendent of Missions, from the Committee on the State of the Churches, and from the Committee on Sunday-schools, together with addresses upon these interests. The annual sermon, if any be provided, shall be preached at such hour as Committee of Arrangements shall decide. Wednesday morning the Connecticut Baptist Education Society will hold its annual session. Wednesday afternoon shall be devoted to reports of committees and to miscellaneous business.

2. The President shall appoint all committees unless otherwise ordered. Standing committees shall be appointed as follows: (1) On Arrangements for Next Year. (2) On Sunday Schools. (3) On Obituaries. (4) On New Churches. (5) On Temperance. (6) On State of the Churches. (7) On Home and Foreign Mission Work; and such other committees as may be deemed necessary or expedient.

3. The Committee of Arrangements shall endeavor to provide that the meetings of the Woman's Missionary Societies may not be held during the hours the Convention is in session. The annual reports of their meetings may be read in open meetings of the Convention, and by the vote of the Convention may be spread upon the minutes.

4. No objects other than those provided for by the Constitution shall be presented at the annual meeting, unless by the unanimous consent of the Convention.

5. The proceedings of the Convention shall be regulated by the ordinary rules governing deliberate assemblies.

6. The minutes shall be read and approved before the adjournment of the Convention.

BY-LAWS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

1. The Board of Trustees shall hold three meetings during the year, one immediately after the session of the Convention, one in the month of April, and one on the day preceding the next meeting of the Convention. Other meetings may be called by the Secretary at the request of the President, or five members of the Board.

2. The President of the Convention shall preside at all meetings of the Board; in his absence the Vice-President shall preside; in the absence of both President and Vice-President the Board shall choose a President *pro tem*. The Secretary shall be *ex-officio* secretary of the Board.

3. At the first meeting of the Board, each year, it shall elect from its members an Executive Committee of fifteen (15), including the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Auditor. It shall also appoint a Finance Committee of three. It may appoint other committees if deemed expedient.

4. At the meeting of the Board, in October, the Board of Trustees may appoint a Superintendent of missions, who shall have the general oversight of the work of the Convention under the direction of the Board or of its Executive Committee. The salary of the Superintendent shall be fixed by the Board, and his year of service shall be from the time of his appointment till the next subsequent meeting of the convention.

5. The Board may, at any of its regular meetings, appoint such missionary or missionaries, for evangelistic work within the State, and for such terms of service as it may deem expedient.

6. The Board shall have power to provide means for raising funds for the Convention; also to dispose of said funds according to the provisions of the charter and the Constitution.

7. The Board of Trustees, immediately after the adjournment of the Convention, shall, through its Secretary, send to each church and pastor in the State a printed circular, setting forth the number of missionaries appointed by the Convention, the amount of money required to meet the yearly expenditure, together with the approximate amount each church should contribute.

8. All appropriations in aid of churches and for payment of missionaries shall be made by the Board in accordance with the regulations laid down in the by-laws.

9. The Board shall make report of all its transactions to the Convention at its annual meeting.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

1. The Executive Committee shall meet at least four times during the year, in the months of October, January, April and July, and at any other time at the call of the President and Secretary. They shall consider and report upon all applications for aid. When the Board is not in session its authority shall vest in the Executive Committee, but no contract or agreement made by the Executive Committee shall remain in force beyond the time of the next ensuing meeting of the Board of Trustees unless approved by the Board, except in such cases as have been referred to the Executive Committee for final action.

2. The Executive Committee shall make full report of all its transactions to the next ensuing meeting of the Board of Trustees.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Convention, of the Board of Trustees, and of the Executive Committee.

2. The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President during his absence.

3. The Treasurer shall have charge of the funds of the Convention. He shall be the custodian of the securities of the Convention, and shall keep a

careful record of all permanent, conditional, and special trust funds, with a brief statement of the conditions under which they are held and the particulars concerning their investment. He shall keep each class of funds separate and distinct from every other, and from the several funds of the Convention. He shall prepare a monthly statement of the condition of the treasury and submit the same to the Executive Committee through the Secretary. He shall execute all financial documents, and when necessary, affix thereto the seal of the Convention unless the Board of Trustees shall otherwise specifically direct. He shall make payments out of the treasury only upon the written order of the Secretary. Whenever required by the Executive Committee he shall give bonds to such an amount as they may direct.

4. The Secretary shall keep a faithful record of all the meetings of the Convention, of the Board of Trustees, and of the Executive Committees. He shall furnish for publication in the *Christian Secretary* brief reports of all important transactions in their meetings, as far as the interest of the Convention will admit. The quarterly reports of the churches aided by the Convention, and of the missionaries employed, shall be made to the Board through him, and he shall prepare, for each meeting of the Board and of its Executive Committee, a statement of the business which needs to be brought before it. He shall draw orders on the treasury only as authorized by the Board of Trustees or its Executive Committee.

5. The Auditor shall audit the accounts of the Treasurer and make a report thereof to the Convention once a year, and each quarter if required by the Board.

6. The Finance Committee shall have charge of, and approve by their signature, the investment of all the trust funds of the Convention subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. They may require of the Treasurer, statements of all transactions relating to trust funds, and of current receipts and expenditures whenever they deem it necessary. They may authorize the temporary transfer by the Treasurer of the funds of the Convention from one class to another whenever they may deem it necessary. They may, with the Secretary, direct the payment of amounts, not exceeding fifty dollars, in exigencies that cannot await the action of the Board of Trustees or of its Executive Committee. Under no circumstances shall any of the funds of the Convention be loaned to any officer, legal advisor, or member of the Executive Committee, or to any corporation or business enterprise in which any of them is personally interested.

RULES TO GOVERN APPROPRIATIONS.

1. All churches assisted by the Convention shall make their quarterly reports to the Board through the Secretary. All appropriations

to churches shall be made quarterly, and no application for aid will be considered until the report of the church has been received. Quarterly reports must be sent in during the first weeks in October, January, April and July.

2. Appropriations will be made to churches only when such churches have settled pastors, and when they shall have made, within the year preceding, contributions for at least three objects of benevolence, including the Domestic Mission work of the Connecticut Baptist Convention.

3. No appropriation shall be made to any church, when in the judgment of the Executive Committee the pastor of the church is not considered worthy of such aid. It is therefore recommended that any church without a pastor applying for aid, shall confer with the Superintendent of Missions, or the Executive Committee, before the choice and settlement of a pastor.

4. No appropriation shall be recommended, or be made toward the erection of any house of worship until the approval of the plan by the Executive Committee shall have been secured; and in all cases where such appropriations amount to \$500 or more, the church or society so aided shall execute to the Convention a deed of trust of the property, which shall be held by the Convention until such time as the Board of Trustees shall deem it expedient to reconvey the property.

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS.

The Superintendent of Missions shall have the general oversight and care of the entire work of the Convention under the direction of the Executive Committee. He shall visit the churches aided by the Convention as frequently as may be, consistently with his other duties. He shall investigate any new enterprises that should be brought to the attention of the Board and report the same. He shall, as opportunity may offer, present the claims of the Convention before the churches and receive subscriptions and collections for the Convention. He shall be present at all meetings of the Board, and of the Executive Committee, to counsel and advise in all their actions, but shall have no vote. He shall advise the churches aided by the Convention on all matters in which his advice is asked, but he shall not pledge the Convention to any pecuniary aid except as authorized in each case by the Board of Trustees or by its Executive Committee.

AMENDMENTS.

These By-Laws, except such as refer to the duties of the Treasurer and of the Finance Committee, may be changed or additions made thereto at any meeting of the Board of Trustees by a majority vote.

Such of these By-Laws as refer to the duties of the Treasurer and of the Finance Committee shall be of equal binding force with the provisions of the Constitution, and can be changed only by a two-thirds

vote of all the members present at the annual meeting of the Convention, and after one year's notice.

GENERAL RESOLUTION.

All resolutions, or parts of the same, heretofore adopted by the Convention, Board of Trustees, or Executive Committee, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution and By-Laws are hereby repealed.

CHURCHES CONTRIBUTING.

All churches sending delegates to the Convention are bound by their obligations to God and their brethren, to make annual contribution to its treasury, and none, large or small, ought, in any case, to fail in this important duty. They are requested to be very particular and exact in their appointment of delegates and designation of funds, and see that these funds are placed in the Treasury, and published in the minutes of the Convention.

APPROPRIATIONS.

Quarterly reports of their condition, financial and religious, should be made to the Secretary of the Convention, by the pastors and clerks of all churches aided.

Applications for aid must be made by the formal action of the church seeking it, signed by the clerk or pastor, with a plain statement of their condition and wants, to be submitted to the Board.

Appropriations shall be withheld from churches which neglect to make contributions to the four following objects: State Missions, the Education Society, Foreign Missions, and Home Missions; and the evidence of such contributions shall be the books and reports of the Treasurers.

No moneys ought to be credited to Domestic or State Missions which were not placed in the Treasury of the Convention for that purpose.

☞ All statistics respecting *members* and *finance* ought to be precise and accurate.

LEGACIES.

FORM OF A LEGACY.—I also give and bequeath to THE CONNECTICUT BAPTIST CONVENTION *dollars, lands, houses, or other property*, for the purpose of the Convention, as specified in the act of incorporation. And I hereby direct my executor or executors to pay said sum to the Treasurer of said Convention, taking his receipt for it, within *months* after my decease. [If *real estate* is devised, describe the *premises* with exactness—both lots and buildings.]

FOR THE BUILDING FUND.—I give and devise to THE CONNECTICUT BAPTIST CONVENTION, *money, lands, houses, bonds—as the case may be—* for the Building Fund, to aid in procuring or paying for suitable Houses of Worship for Mission Churches.

A similar form will answer for THE CONNECTICUT BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY. Only be careful to specify the name.

SEVENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
CONNECTICUT BAPTIST CONVENTION.

HARTFORD, CONN., Oct. 19, 1897.

The seventy-fourth Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Baptist Convention was held in the meeting-house of the Asylum Avenue Baptist Church, Hartford, on the above date. President Grippin called the Convention to order at 10 A. M.

After singing "Come Thou Almighty King," Rev. G. M. Stone, D.D., pastor of the church, welcomed the Convention.

Mr. President, Brethren, and Sisters: In the name of this church and the four sister churches in this city I extend to the Baptist State Convention and kindred organizations, welcome and hospitality. I have ample warrant for including in this welcome other denominations, for our neighboring church, Rev. Joseph H. Twichell, pastor, with delicate courtesy, has given us the use of their house for the table service for this convention.

It gives me very peculiar pleasure to state that the meeting to-day falls on the most important anniversary of this church. Twenty-five years ago to-day this building was dedicated to the worship of God. To-day we enter upon the second quarter-century of our history; and while our history has been hedged within these terminal limits of twenty-five years, it has been closely united with the work of the Convention. The treasurer of the Convention for thirty years was a member of this church. Mr. Lockwood was also a member of this church; the present field secretary, Rev. C. A. Piddock, is a member of this church, and goes forth with its prayers and blessing. We also meet on a memorable day, the "Farragut Day."

Hartford has had an important place in the Christian work of all lands. Thomas Hooker laid the foundation of religious liberty. Roger Williams was the pathfinder, but Thomas Hooker was a true yoke-fellow. We welcome you to a city that has been a promoter

of missions in all lands. The First Baptist Church in this city celebrated its centennial in 1890; four churches have grown out of this. We have not met to discuss heresy; the time is too precious for this, but we have met to consult concerning the work of winning the world to Christ. May the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you.

President W. A. Grippin replied as follows:—

Dr. Stone, in behalf of the Connecticut Baptist Convention, I heartily thank you for this cordial welcome. We are glad to meet with our friends in your city, for, as we have learned to look to Hartford as our lawgiver, so we have come to regard with high respect your many representative Baptists, and admire the grand things which have here been accomplished in the interest of our denomination. We are pleased with the opportunity to know you better. That our meeting together will be pleasant, no further assurance is needed, but that it may be in a marked degree beneficial, I want to impress at the outset the thought that we are not here simply to be entertained and have a good time in a social way; but, rather, to learn of the doings and needs of the Convention, and acquire inspiration which we can take away and impart to others, thereby securing substantial good to the many interests centered in our organization.

When we gathered at New London, a year ago, the situation as relating to nearly every line of effort—secular as well as religious—was exceedingly unsatisfactory; depression and discouragement were met at nearly every turn; future prospects were obscured by dark clouds, and while we were told by some that they had a “silver lining,” the relief desired was not at hand, and when it would appear none could predict with confidence; but since that time a marvelous change has occurred; the clouds which were then so threatening—silver lining included—have been dispelled by the golden sunlight, which is again shining forth and warming into new life and activity the hopes and energies of our people on every hand, giving promise of brighter days and better things for all. During this period of transition, the one thing most prominent before Christian interests of almost every name and nature has been that of debt; this has claimed and received consideration beyond all precedent, and, without question, it has, to some degree, impaired efficiency in other directions, but the success attained in connection with this important matter has, in view of the prevailing stringency, been in many cases wonderful, and we are led to exclaim, “This is the Lord’s doing, and is marvelous in our eyes.” The demands have never before been so great and results afford a practical illustration of the truthfulness of the assurance that proper effort will

be rewarded, and that a firm trust and confidence in the Lord will turn weakness into strength.

That the Convention has had some share in the benefits which have accrued, I am confident the reports which will be presented to you will indicate, and while we could well wish that more and better work had been performed, there is much occasion for gratitude for the way in which the Lord has led us and the encouraging prospects before us. The efforts of our Superintendent of Missions have been able, earnest, and untiring, and there are unmistakable evidences of a better knowledge of, and a growing interest in, the work and requirements of the Convention, and, as a natural consequence, greater efficiency and co-operation on the part of many of our churches. That this may become general should be our hope and aim.

Because of the manifold nature of the interests we represent, there is great responsibility upon the Baptists of Connecticut; if it is properly met, much good will come to the cause of Christianity, but, failing in this, it will mean much which, in future years, will be deeply deplored. This matter demands and should have our earnest consideration.

I trust our meeting together at this time will be so enthusiastic and inspiring that the influence may be clearly manifest during the coming months and years, and tell for advancement all along the line. Let us inscribe on our banners and work to the sentiment, "Connecticut first, and the whole world at the same time."

The President announced the following Committees to report at this session:

On Nomination of Officers — Hon. James L. Howard, Rev. J. D. Herr, D.D., Rev. G. F. Genung, D.D., Hon. J. W. Manning, Rev. E. T. Miller.

On Enrollment — Rev. E. R. Perkins, Rev. F. D. Luddington, Rev. C. N. Nichols, Rev. W. H. Johnson.

On Resolutions — Rev. E. C. Sage, D.D., Rev. A. C. Hubbard, D.D., Hon. Francis Wayland, Rev. J. W. Payne, Rev. B. U. Hatfield.

On Place and Preacher — Rev. W. G. Fennell, Rev. A. C. Wheaton, Rev. E. W. Husted, Rev. H. M. Thompson, A. J. Shipley.

Rev. Henry Clarke read the 2d Chap. of 1st Cor., Rev. J. R. Stubbett offered prayer, and Rev. W. D. McKinney preached

the Annual Sermon, taking for his text Zech. 4:6, and Rom. 15: 13. The theme was "The Real Power of Christianity."

Each generation has its own work to do for God. Zachariah and his companions rebuilt the temple. The apostles preached the Gospel. The ancient fathers were for the defense of the truth. The Reformation proclaimed long-forgotten truths. The evangelists of the past century revived the cause of God. In our own times there are two great objects before us,—to save souls and develop them in Christian life and character. There are many difficulties in this work and not a few enemies,—unbelief, formalism, worldliness, superstition. They are to be met on the fair field of conflict and conquered by divine force, wielded according to God's plan and purpose. In these texts there is a declaration of the Divine method in doing the greatest work in all ages. We see in them two self-evident truths.

I. There are forces that God will not use in doing his work,—“Not by might,”—*i. e.*, by the influence of armies, or organization, or riches; “nor by power”—*i. e.*, by the intellectual abilities, or cultivation of mind in itself. It may also include education which is simply drawing out the natural powers of the natural man.

II. The power which God has provided, is “My Spirit.” He has divine qualifications because He is the Divine one; He has access to all hearts; He can impart His gifts to men, so that they can act for Him. He has done great works in the past, and these are a pledge of what He will yet do. Pentecost will be renewed, and the Reformation more than repeated. Paul, and Chrysostom, and Augustine will live again. Luther, Bunyan, Edwards, and Spurgeon will speak again through lips touched by the same power. We can secure this by earnest prayer, by preaching the Gospel of the grace of God, by living in purity of life, and holiness of spirit. Then the glorious spiritual temple will rise before all eyes and attract all men.

After singing, the Report of the Board of Trustees was presented in its printed form, and the summary of the Treasurer's Report was read.

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Dear Brethren of the Convention:

There has been no change in the personnel of your Board since the meeting of the Convention. Rev. J. H. Mason has removed from the State. As there was but one year remaining of his term of service, his place has not been filled. He had been, during his years of service, a very active and efficient member of your Board, and had secured from his church the largest subscriptions received from any church to the work of the Convention.

The general outlook of our denomination in the State, the condition of the many mission interests that have been in the charge of your Board, and the financial prospects will be presented to you in the report of the energetic and efficient Field Secretary, whose services your Board was fortunately able to secure almost from the beginning of the Convention year. This part of the report, prepared by the Secretary, will give only a resumé of the action of your Board at its various meetings, either in the full Board or by its Executive Committee.

At the first meeting of the Board, October 21st, nothing was done beyond hearing the report of the committee of five on the appointment of a Superintendent of Missions, and adjourning to October 30th.

At the adjourned meeting, held in New Haven, the following action was taken: On the recommendation of the committee of five, it was voted that Brother P. S. Evans have charge of the new interest in Torrington in connection with his duties as Secretary, and that a special committee of five be appointed to secure, at the earliest date, a Superintendent of Missions. The committee, as finally appointed, was Hon. J. L. Howard, Hon. Francis Wayland, Rev. Dr. Herr, Rev. G. W. Nicholson, and Hon. W. A. Grippin, the President. It was also voted that the salary of the Superintendent should be \$1,200 a year, that an appropriation be made to the Torrington church of \$400 a year towards the support of a pastor, and that \$200 a year be allowed to Mr. Evans for his services as Secretary. The Executive Committee and the Finance Committee were appointed as they appear upon your minutes. The Executive Committee was empowered to receive and act upon the report of the Committee on Superintendent, and to transact all unfinished business.

The Executive Committee met in Hartford November 16th. At this meeting it was voted that, in accordance with the recommendation of the special committee, Rev. C. A. Piddock, who had previously served the Convention in this capacity, be appointed to the superintendency of the work of the Convention, to be designated as Field Secretary. A committee of two from each Association was appointed to act with the Field Secretary in formulating and putting into operation the best possible methods of securing revenue to the Convention. A committee of three — viz.: Hon. J. L. Howard, Revs. C. A. Piddock and P. S. Evans

— was appointed to act with a committee from the Torrington church in the matter of building a chapel at Torrington. Appropriations were made to twenty-one churches to the amount of \$600 per quarter. It was also voted that the chapel in Putnam, formerly occupied by the Putnam Calvary Church, be sold. This was afterwards done, and the proceeds covered into the treasury of the Convention.

The Executive Committee met in New Haven, January 11th, at their regularly quarterly meeting. At this session the question of employing an Italian colporteur was considered, and the matter was left to the discretion of the Field Secretary. The employment of a French missionary was left in the hands of the Field Secretary, with Brethren Manning and Morse of Putnam as advisers. It was also voted that if the money loaned by the Convention on the lot in Winsted be returned to the treasury, that the Treasurer be authorized to turn over the same towards the building of the chapel in Torrington. Appropriations were made to twenty-five churches to the amount of \$587.50.

The semi annual meeting of the Board was held in Norwich, April 6th. At this meeting steps were taken towards settling a difficulty which had arisen between Rev. H. A. Chapman and the Immanuel Church of Bridgeport. This was finally settled through the joint efforts of Hon. Hadlai Hull, the President, and the Field Secretary. The first appropriation was made to the new mission in Naugatuck. The Treasurer was instructed to cover into the treasury the amounts accumulated in the Baldwin Fund and the Bixby Fund. Appropriations were made to twenty-two churches to the amount of \$680.

It was also voted at this meeting that the Treasurer be authorized to raise a sum not to exceed \$2,000, on temporary loans, towards the building of the chapel at Torrington, and to execute all necessary papers therefor. This was done in the expectation that, in the near future, a mortgage could be placed upon the property and the money be recovered into the treasury.

The July meeting of the Executive Committee was held in New Haven on the 15th of the month. At this meeting it was voted to pay to the Ministers' Home at West Farms, New York, a bill of \$522 for the support of two ministers' widows out of the proceeds of the Baldwin Fund. This was in lieu of the action taken by the Board at its April meeting. It was also voted to undertake the partial support of Rev. Mr. Tetrault, a French missionary, at the rate of \$50 per quarter. It was also voted that the evening of Tuesday, during the session of the Convention, be devoted to the interests of the Convention, and that a collection for State missions be taken at each session of the Convention; also that the reports of the Board and of the Treasurer, after acceptance by the officers of the Convention, be printed and circulated for the information of the delegates during the meetings of the Convention. Appropriations were made to twenty-six churches and missions to the amount of \$761 per quarter.

The above is a very brief summary of the most important actions taken by your Board or its Executive Committee. All the meetings were

fully attended, and long and careful consideration was given to every matter that was brought before us. We cannot give in this report any account of the careful work done by the several committees which were appointed. Your President has given close attention to all the interests of the Convention, and spent much time in conference with the committees and with the Field Secretary. Brother Piddock has rendered to your Board very full accounts of his multifarious work on your behalf. In his annual report, which will form a part of this report, you will find a full account of this work.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS.

By the election of my brethren of the Board of Trustees of the Convention I was chosen Field Secretary and Superintendent of Missions last November and entered upon my duties December 1st, since which time I have given my whole attention to the interests of our missions and general evangelistic work. The ten months that I have served the Convention have only confirmed my opinion of the greatness of our field and our responsibility to God for its cultivation. During the winter months, in addition to visiting the missions of the Convention, I assisted in evangelistic services in New London, Norwich, Mystic, Stonington, and other places, besides preaching and delivering addresses in Calvary church New Haven, West Haven, First Hartford, Immanuel and Messiah churches of Bridgeport, Waterbury First, the Naugatuck Mission, Bantam, North Colebrook, Winsted, East Cornwall, Cornwall Hollow, Willimantic, Andover, South Willington, Warrenton, South Woodstock, Putnam, Danielson, Norwich, Central and Third churches, Norwalk and South Norwalk, Stamford First, Waterford, Canton, Swedish church New Britain, German church New Britain, South-ington, New Hartford, Torrington, Lakes Pond, Colchester, Tariffville, West Hartford, and other places, also presenting the work and needs of the Convention at all of the Associations. My purpose has been to arouse a greater interest in the churches, as well as counsel with the missionaries and try to produce harmony where there was discord, and so far as possible aid the churches helped by the Convention in securing pastors. The labors of the past ten months have been to some extent preparatory to more systematic efforts among the mission churches themselves. How far my work as an evangelist has been a blessing, the pastors aided can best judge.

The financial condition of the Convention has also been a matter of considerable attention, as, at the beginning of the year, our debt was about five thousand dollars. In this as in other parts of my work I have been greatly helped by the advice and counsel of the President of the Convention. Mr. Grippin has also been a most generous contributor, as the treasurer's report will show. Though a man of large business interests and responsibility, he has been a constant inspiration to me in the work. Hon. James L. Howard and Mr. Edward Miller have also made special contributions to the treasury of the Convention, and other brethren whose

names appear in the report of the Treasurer have greatly aided our work by special gifts.

An apportionment of the amount needed by the Convention for the year's expenses was made after consultation with the representatives of the Associations, and although this apportionment was not made until the middle of the Convention year, and was imperfect, I am convinced that it was a movement in the right direction and I recommend that the same course be adopted for the coming year, with such improvements as the officers of the Convention may suggest. The apportionment of the past year can doubtless be improved and should be carefully revised, and sent to the churches at the beginning of the year. I am glad to report an increased interest in this necessary part of our work. The report of the Treasurer should be carefully read. Many of the churches have done nobly, while others should be aroused to the needs of our field. Some of the smaller churches have given most generously in proportion to their means.

I now pass to a consideration of the churches and missions aided by the Convention. The statistics from these churches will be furnished by the Secretary, and I shall outline their general condition and prospects. In most of them there has been substantial progress, and a good degree of harmony. The work among the foreign population is growing upon our hands, and appears promising in its possibilities. In some of the old fields there is a revived interest. A new church has been organized in West Haven, called the Phelps Memorial, in honor of the late Dr. S. D. Phelps, and was duly recognized by a council of delegates from the churches.

THE FAIRFIELD ASSOCIATION.

The three churches aided last year in this Association have continued to receive the help of the Convention. A year ago the New Canaan church was pastorless, but in November called Mr. J. B. Rittgers to the pastorate, and he was ordained December 9th. Four have been baptized and others are expected to follow. There is an encouraging outlook, the congregations have greatly increased during the year and there is unity in the church. The Messiah church of Bridgeport has continued under the successful ministry of Pastor Morton, and is gradually reducing its debt. I cannot speak in too high terms of the faithful labors of the pastor. The affairs of the Immanuel church of Bridgeport have occupied some of our attention. This church has been aided most of the year. Rev. H. A. Chapman finished his work as pastor in May, and most of the time intervening the pulpit has been supplied by Rev. C. C. Luther, with excellent results. The church is not discouraged, congregations are much improved, and it is hoped that a pastor will soon be called. The Rev. H. A. Chapman passed from earth after a brief illness August 23d. He will doubtless be fittingly mentioned by the obituary committee.

The condition of the German church of Bridgeport has not changed in any marked degree during the year, though eleven have been added to the church by baptism. Rev. Henri Gelan continues to serve the church, and

his ministry is very acceptable. Notwithstanding the number added by baptism, the church numbers two less than last year. What shall be done with this field will probably in the near future claim the attention of the Board. This property is valued at \$12,000 and there is a debt of \$3,000. This property and also that of the Immanuel church of Bridgeport is in the hands of the board.

HARTFORD ASSOCIATION.

The Torrington church, which was organized last year, has made commendable progress, under the able and faithful leadership of our secretary. Special meetings were held in March, resulting in quite an accession to the church. The beautiful chapel which was planned by a joint committee of the church and the Convention is nearly ready for dedication. The little band at the beginning of the year has steadily grown, and the Bible-school has nearly doubled in membership. It is expected that the lot and chapel will cost about \$8,000. Of this sum about \$3,000 has been contributed by the Convention and an equal amount has been raised by the church and its friends in Torrington. The above figures are only approximate, and do not include the cost of furnishing the chapel. It is probable that there will be a small debt, but it is hoped that it will be sufficiently reduced at the dedication so that the church can carry the burden without trouble, or better still, be entirely paid. The chapel is of brick and is a delight to all who have seen it.

A year ago difficulties in the North Colebrook church, and other reasons, made union with the South Colebrook church in the support of a pastor impracticable. It is now expected that a pastor who can serve both of these fields will soon be settled. Rev. D. F. Beebe, the pastor of the North Colebrook church died in the early spring. He was beloved by the church, and leaves a wife and friends to mourn his loss. In both of these churches there are faithful men and women, and when a pastor who can serve them both shall be found they will need aid. The New Hartford church is still a subject of our aid and prayer. Rev. C. N. Nichols is pastor. The difficulties in the Bantam last year have been to a great degree settled, and peace now reigns in that region. Brother Cornelius Malley has cared for the three churches, Bantam, East Cornwall, and Cornwall Hollow. These occupy a field where the growth, in the condition of things, must be slow, but this is missionary ground and the work should be sustained. East Cornwall and Cornwall Hollow are remote from the churches of other denominations, and their abandonment would leave a large territory destitute of the gospel. Therefore we shall need to continue aid to these churches.

A year ago the church at Tariffville was much discouraged, but under the leadership of Rev. W. H. Johnson, their present pastor, there has been a large increase in the congregation. A baptistery has been put into the church and other improvements made. There is a hopeful spirit in the church. The Swedes' church in New Britain was without a pastor a year ago, but have secured Pastor Johanson of Bridgeport, who began his

labors September 1st. They have a heavy debt, but are by no means discouraged. Their meetings are well attended. The Hartford Swedes have about paid for their building-lot and will soon be ready to build. They have had a prosperous year. At West Hartford, Rev. W. R. Bartlett resigned in April and concluded his labors in June. The church has been supplied by Rev. N. M. Learned of Hartford for the past three months and the congregations and Bible-school have grown. The society had become so weak that the trustees deemed it advisable to deed the church property to the Convention. Therefore by unanimous vote of the church and society this was done. This protects both the church and the Convention and is, in my judgment, both reasonable and just.

For the past ten years the Convention has annually appropriated \$300 to the Rockville church. After consultation with the brethren, I would recommend that the church receive \$200 the coming year. Most of the members of this church are employed in the factories, and have borne heavy burdens in sustaining their church and pastor. They will soon be self-supporting. Pastor Wedge has done a noble work, and the church has given him a united support. The day will come when the church will be able to make returns for aid given.

NEW HAVEN ASSOCIATION.

Our chief work in this Association has been among the foreign population. The Swedish churches in New Haven and Meriden have good pastors and are united and growing. Part of the support of these and other foreign churches is borne by the Home Mission Society. Since the beginning of the year we have had an Italian colporteur, Brother Massimino, who has assisted Brother DeCarlo in his work in New Haven and also in Southington. The admirable work begun two years ago by Brother DeCarlo in New Haven has continued while he has been successful in Stamford. It is probable that we shall in the near future be able to still farther enlarge our work among the Italians. Missionary DeCarlo has held meetings in Chester among his countrymen. Pastors Rhoades of Stamford, Poteat and Moore of New Haven, and Breaker of Southington have been specially interested and helpful in the direction and guidance of this work. The Swedes and Germans of Waterbury are under the care of the Convention, but I trust will soon become self-supporting. During the past year we have aided the Naugatuck mission, which possesses promise of growth, and there is a Bible-school of about 100. This is a field that will need wise management and watch-care.

NEW LONDON ASSOCIATION.

The churches aided by the Convention are Old Lyme, East Haddam, and, for a portion of the year, Mt. Calvary, Norwich. Lakes Pond, which was formerly aided by the Convention, is now pastorless, but will need aid. This is missionary ground, and I hope soon to see a pastor who can also do service at Chesterfield. Mt. Calvary, Norwich, is now sustaining its own services, but was aided the first half of the year.

By the will of Brother D. D. Lyon, deceased, five hundred dollars each was left to the Salem and Scott Hill churches under certain conditions, among others that a like amount be raised by the churches interested within one year. A committee was appointed by this Association a year ago to raise one-half of the amount necessary to secure this bequest, the Salem and Scott Hill churches undertaking to raise the other half. The Convention was appealed to for assistance with the express provision that it should be trustee of the fund for these churches when the full amount was raised. This committee had, however, failed to take the initiatory step of securing a copy of the will, and the money was raised under a misapprehension of the terms of the will, which clearly makes the trustees of the churches at Salem and Scott Hill trustees of the Lyon fund. This fund will be a great assistance to these churches if it is properly preserved.

STONINGTON UNION ASSOCIATION.

Pastor N. T. Allen continues his faithful ministry at Poquonoc Bridge, and Pastor Aldrich at Sterling Hill. These churches are doing a much-needed work in the communities where they are located, and deserve the aid they receive. The First church, North Stonington, better known as the Pendleton Hill church, is now pastorless. For many years this church was aided by the Convention, but has for some time been self-supporting.

THE ASHFORD ASSOCIATION.

A year ago the Andover church was pastorless and somewhat divided. Now they have a pastor, Rev. J. F. Coops, who began his labors February 1st. This field has some discouragements, but should be sustained. Pastor G. C. Chappell has relinquished the pastorate of the North Ashford church, and now gives his whole time to the Warrentown church, where he is doing an excellent work. Rev. T. E. Briggs of Eastford cares for the South Ashford church in addition to his own field. The West Woodstock church was bereaved in February by the death of its beloved pastor, Rev. G. L. Putnam. In June the church called Mr. Warren Atherton, a recent graduate of Crozer Seminary, to the pastorate. His ministry has commenced with promise. The South Woodstock church has called a Crozer graduate, Mr. Louis J. Bamberg, to the pastorate. He was ordained August 31st, and not for years has there been so much of encouragement on this field. The church edifice has been thoroughly repaired, and the congregations have greatly increased. All these churches have at times been aided by the Convention, and will need our watchcare and prayers. The French population of the state is almost all within the limits of this association. Missionary Tetrault has labored with fidelity in Putnam and Danielson, and I understand that the results have been satisfactory to the brethren in these towns.

In conclusion, I wish to express my thanks to many pastors and laymen for counsel and sympathy extended to me in the prosecution of the work. How little we have done and how much remains to be accom-

plished! I am constrained to feel that we do not realize the magnitude and importance of evangelizing Connecticut. We should enlarge our work among the Swedes, Germans, and Italians, and there are other mission fields that are ripe for the harvest. I appeal to the pastors to see that the work and needs of the convention are fully placed before the churches. Much depends upon this, as an examination of the treasurer's report will show. The plan of systematic beneficence of which we hear much has not yet been adopted by many churches. Our young people's societies and Bible schools should all be taught to give for state missions. Comparatively few of these organizations now contribute, though there has of late been a great improvement. The ideal will not be reached until we have a contribution from every Baptist, young and old, in the state. The reasons for this appeal are constantly before us. We cannot turn away empty the needy churches which are calling to us for help. We cannot neglect the cries of the peoples speaking a language different from our own, but having souls to save. The fathers who nobly planned and wrought to establish a pure gospel among the hills and valleys of Connecticut have passed away. They rest from their labors and their works follow them. We who are now living will soon be here no more. God grant that our mantle may fall upon our sons and daughters, and while He buries His workers he may carry on His work.

SUPPLEMENTARY NOTE.—One year ago our indebtedness was as follows:

Loans,	\$4,825.00
Floating Debt,	826.54
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	\$5,151.54

During the session of the Convention, or before the printing of the last report, the treasurer received \$342.50, which reduced the debt to \$4,809.04. The treasurer has still farther reduced this amount by the payment of \$3,584.04, of which \$484.04 is the balance of the floating debt. This leaves \$1,225.00 still due on loans. To pay this amount there is cash on hand at this date (October 15) \$310.90 and balance of the Putnam colored church sale \$535.25, total \$846.15, leaving the net indebtedness \$378.85.

And it was voted to lay both reports on the table for discussion this afternoon.

Hon. James L. Howard, as chairman of the Committee on Nominations, presented the following names for officers for the ensuing year.

For President: W. A. Grippin, Bridgeport.

" Vice-President: Hadlai A. Hull, Stonington.

" Secretary: Rev. P. S. Evans, Torrington.

" Treasurer: W. F. Walker, New Britain.

" Auditor: E. V. Preston, Hartford.

Voted, That the chairman of the Committee be instructed to deposit the ballot for the above list of officers. Upon his doing so they were declared elected.

After benediction by Rev. C. N. Nichols, the Convention adjourned until 2:30 P. M.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

The Convention reassembled at 2:30 P. M. President W. A. Grippin was in the chair.

The Report of the Board was taken from the table and discussed.

Rev. A. P. Wedge spoke of "The Purpose of Our Work," emphasizing the fact that it is *OUR* work, and not *your* work, or *my* work. But what is the purpose of it? Not simply to raise money and help the weak churches, or aid in the organization of new churches, but it is "For Christ and the Church,"—it is to bring men to Christ and train them in the principles which we believe to be in accordance with the word of God.

Rev. R. O. Sherwood presented "The Importance of Our Work." It takes up the littles that individuals can do and joins these littles so as to accomplish great things for God. There are three elements that show the importance of the work — (1) conserving the small churches where the popula-

tion is decreasing; (2) fostering new interests in important centers; (3) evangelizing the foreign element and making good citizens of them.

Rev. H. M. Thompson said, that organization is found everywhere, and God is working out in these organizations a grand result. We have our place in his beautiful mosaic. It is important that the Convention follow a policy that will, in every way, commend itself to the intelligent business men of the state. From the work in the Memorial Church he illustrated the work of the Convention. When that work was begun there were only 32 comparatively poor people to band together. Public sentiment was against the effort; but the Convention joined with them, until now the church has grown to 263 members. The whole expense to the Convention has been \$4,332. There have been 335 additions to the church, 164 of these by baptism, a clear gain to the denomination. Two have entered the ministry; two are now studying for the ministry; but we cannot count up all the spiritual influences that have gone forth from this church.

Rev. P. De Carlo spoke in behalf of the Italian work. It is not *my* work, but the Lord's work. There is great need of work amongst the Italians. I began this work three years ago all alone, and it has been impossible to increase the number of workers because there has been no money with which to do it. It is our duty to love our neighbor as ourselves; therefore I plead with you to aid this work.

Rev. T. Clafford spoke of the work among the Swedes. Fourteen years ago, this Convention began work among my people; now there are five pastors; then there were only about 75 Swedish Baptists, now there are 500, and about 1,000 have gone to Western states.

Voted, That the Report of the Board of Trustees be accepted.

Voted, That we take from the table the Report of the Treasurer.

Rev. C. A. Piddock spoke of the reduction of the debt the past year from \$5,000 to \$502; and said that we ought to-day to pay that debt. He called upon Rev. Geo. W. Nicholson to come forward and make an appeal for the removal of the whole debt.

Pledges and offerings were handed in until \$962.49 were in the hands of the treasurer, when Hon. J. L. Howard offered to make it an even \$1,000.

Rejoicing in the result the congregation joined in singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," and "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow."

PLEDGES TOWARD THE DEBT OF THE CONVENTION.

Rev. P. DeCarlo, . . .	\$1.00	C. M. Parker, . . .	\$5.00
W. A. Grippin, . . .	50.00	T. M. Cox, . . .	5.00
W. H. Douglass, . . .	50.00	Seth J. Hall for DeCarlo, . . .	25.00
J. L. Howard, . . .	50.00	J. H. Strong, . . .	5.00
Edward Miller, . . .	50.00	Elias Wilcox, . . .	5.00
A. J. Shipley, . . .	50.00	Capt. Wilbur, . . .	5.00
H. A. Hull, . . .	25.00	S. C. Stevens, . . .	5.00
A. J. Sloper, . . .	25.00	J. W. Anderson, . . .	5.00
Lewis Hall, . . .	25.00	G. F. Spencer, . . .	10.00
C. A. Piddock, . . .	25.00	S. O. Preston, . . .	5.00
Charles Beale, . . .	25.00	Mrs. A. W. Angus, . . .	1.00
J. D. Herr, . . .	10.00	R. W. Mansfield, . . .	1.00
J. Q. A. Braddish, . . .	10.00	Bro. Mosely, . . .	5.00
R. Maplesden, . . .	10.00	W. P. Chipman, . . .	1.00
P. G. Wightman, . . .	10.00	Elizur Cook, . . .	1.00
F. W. Payne, . . .	10.00	G. C. Sauer, . . .	5.00
W. G. Fennell, . . .	10.00	J. S. Lyon, . . .	10.00
Peck, . . .	10.00	B. U. Hatfield, . . .	5.00
C. H. Brown, . . .	10.00	Cash, . . .	2.00
A. C. Wheaton, . . .	10.00	E. Larkins, . . .	10.00
N. M. Learned, . . .	10.00	A. C. Curtis, . . .	2.00
P. S. Evans, . . .	10.00	Mrs. E. B. Elmer, . . .	1.00
E. B. Squires, . . .	10.00	J. C. Duncanson, . . .	5.00
C. H. Peckham, . . .	10.00	Pledged through G. W.	
Harvey Linsley, . . .	10.00	Nicholson, for Noank ch., . . .	250.00
J. H. Schlipf, . . .	5.00	Collection, . . .	42.49
J. W. Manning, . . .	5.00	J. L. Howard, to make it	
F. W. C. Meyer, . . .	5.00	\$1,000.00, . . .	37.51
Cash, . . .	5.00	Mrs. Ruth Norton, . . .	10.00
W. A. Fraser, . . .	5.00		

Voted, That the Treasurer's report be accepted.

Rev. W. C. Meyer, as chairman of the Committee on Nomination of Trustees, presented the report.

Voted, That the chairman be instructed to cast the ballot for the trustees for the three years, and to fill vacancies. He cast the ballot and they were declared elected.

Rev. W. C. Martin presented the report on the state of religion in the churches.

Your Committee on the State of Religion in the Churches would place at the head of their report a tabulation of the statistics of baptisms and benevolence.

Association.	Baptisms.		Church Reporting Most Baptisms.		Benevolent Contributions.	
	1897	1896			1897	1896
Ashford, . . .	47	32	Willimantic, . .	22	\$2,584.32	\$2,073.97
Fairfield, . . .	106	129	1st, Bridgeport, .	45	9,069.84	5,640.43
Hartford, . . .	318	160	Bristol, . . .	74	11,060.02	9,554.40
New Haven, . .	329	415	1st, Meriden, . .	55	24,406.39	24,776.48
New London, . .	162	138	1st, New London, .	34	6,780.29	5,730.17
Stonington Union, .	32	380	3d, N. Stonington, .	16	3,427.29	5,616.71
State, . . .	954	1,254			\$57,858.13	\$53,458.26

INCREASE.

Ashford, . . .	15			\$504.35	
Fairfield, . . .	37			3,429.41	
Hartford, . . .	58			1,535.62	
New London, . .	24			1,050.12	

DECREASE.

New Haven, . . .	86			\$370.09	
Stonington Union, .	348			2,189.42	

The number of baptisms, and the amount contributed to benevolence are, generally, a safe standard by which to estimate the state of religion in a church, an association, or state. It is natural, and relatively safe, to conclude that the church with the largest number of baptisms, is in the best spiritual condition, and the church is most spiritual when the baptisms are most frequent and numerous. The tables above show that during the past year baptisms and benevolence have gone hand in hand. The four associations reporting an increase in the number of baptisms all report increased benevolence. The two that report a decrease in baptisms report a decrease in benevolence.

It is not always true, however, that few or no baptisms means spiritual dearth. The Stonington Union Association harvested so largely in 1896 that, without a most extraordinary condition of things, the next year must have witnessed a large decrease. The reaction which the figures would seem to indicate does not exist in fact. The large work there now is the work of watchcare and training.

Though the New Haven Association reports a decrease in the numbers of those baptized of 86, and in benevolence of \$370, their list of baptisms is still largest among the Associations by 111, and their benevolence by \$13,316. Within four years this Association has reported 1,484 baptisms, and within \$325 of \$100,000 for benevolence.

The general condition of our churches has, undoubtedly, improved since last year. There seems to have been small loss of spiritual power and enthusiasm where it was most marked then, and many churches have taken on new life. Our total benevolence is larger than last year by about \$4,000, our baptisms are fewer by exactly 300, but the general tone, the spiritual health, is evidently better.

While this is true, there is, however, an amount of indifference that cannot but give concern to many who pray and labor most earnestly for the coming of the Kingdom. It is safe to say that the earnest workers, who, by consecrated personal endeavor, constantly labor for men's souls and for the welfare of the church, do not average more than one in four of our members. We need a vigorous campaign to reach these, and to awaken in them a "zeal for God according to knowledge." The liquor traffic and other vicious evils would suffer all over our state if such a campaign were only partially successful.

There are cases where the whole church seems to have lapsed into indifference. A brother recently attended the prayer-meeting of a large church, on a beautiful moonlight evening, and found but one man there besides the pastor. The fault seemed to be with the pastor, who, though intellectual, was not spiritual. Your committee believes that deadness in the church can, almost invariably, be traced to him who should be the minister and pastor of the flock. If it were possible, it would seem wise if some practical plan could be perfected whereby our churches, and especially the smaller ones, who are apt to fare worst in this matter, because of limited acquaintance with the ministry, might have the co-operation of a wise committee of this Convention, when needing to settle a pastor. Perhaps the adoption of such a plan might save some churches from grievous, almost fatal, blunders. One pastor writes: "When our churches have been mauled by godly, consecrated pastors the spirit-

ual condition is good." It must invariably be so if the pastor is tactful as well.

Your committee considers also that it is desirable that every church in the state, excepting, possibly, a few of the best organized, should have outside aid in special evangelistic services at some time during the year. They suggest the advisability of appointing a committee from the Convention, who shall seek to bring this about, by a union of two plans — exchange of pastors, and employment of spiritual evangelists, these evangelists to be remunerated by the churches they serve, the Convention merely guaranteeing a specific sum for the time employed.

May the Holy Spirit descend upon and fill our ministry and our churches, give us courage, heartiness, and thoroughness in striving for the condition, in individual, and church, described by the words, "first pure, then peaceable," enable us to have the compelling power, and fill our churches with reawakened saints and Christ-seeking sinners, for His Name's sake. Amen.

W. C. MARTIN,
A. K. FOSTER,
HAROLD PATTISON,
F. E. ROBBINS.

Rev. C. A. Piddock spoke of Bro. M. N. Griswold, who was the chief worker in the organization of the church at Winsted; he was expecting to be present at this meeting, but God has called him up higher. Bro. Piddock moved that Brothers Howard and Evans be requested to represent the Convention at the funeral to-morrow. It was so voted.

Rev. J. D. Herr pronounced the benediction, and the Convention took a recess until 7:30 P. M.

TUESDAY EVENING.

Rev. E. R. Perkins read John, 10, and Rev. W. P. Elsdon led in prayer. An anthem was rendered by the choir.

"The Need of the Evangelistic Spirit," was the topic discussed by Rev. Frank Dixon.

There is need of the evangelistic spirit in our churches, as can be seen in the fact that so many are not accomplishing all that ought to be done. Church suppers and fairs use the strength that should

be used for the salvation of souls. Every Christian should be at work along this evangelistic line.

"Our Duty to the Needy Churches," was the topic considered by Rev. W. G. Fennell.

We owe these churches much. Certainly, we owe them a more profound respect than we now give them. They have a personal dignity and individuality of their own. They have the same needs as the city churches, and have to meet the same difficulties. We owe them much for their faithfulness, and might pay that debt in part by going out and working with them. And we ought to do what we can to develop the native energy in these churches.

Rev. A. W. Hand discussed "Our Duty to the Foreign Population."

We ought to be witnesses to them in every way, and, to do this, we must first receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit, then by learning their language, as missionaries do, we can witness effectively.

Rev. J. S. Lyon, spoke of "The Young People of the Convention."

It should be the young people *in* the Convention, and not the young people *and* the Convention. As Baptists, we have paid too little attention to the children. We should have a better plan on the program; the young people's work should be incorporated in the Convention.

Rev. Addison Moore discussed "The Relation of the Convention to the Church Members."

There seem to be three classes of churches -- those constituted by the Convention, those sustained now by the Convention, and those that have been assisted by the Convention, but now they are self-supporting. Those who can do so should aid in every possible way.

Rev. Henry Clarke spoke of "The Relation of the Pastors to the Convention."

The pastors know the work as the people do not, and it is their duty to justify to the people the existence of this Convention, and also give detailed information concerning the work, and the needy churches; the pastors should try to develop the spirit of benevolence in the churches.

A collection was taken amounting to \$31.00.

Rev. E. M. Poteat pronounced the benediction, and the Convention was adjourned until 8 A. M., Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

President Grippin called the Convention to order at 8:15 A. M.

Rev. P. DeCarlo led in prayer.

The report of the Committee on Obituaries was presented by the Chairman, Rev. E. Dewhurst.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

It is related of a French general who was beloved of his regiment, that after his death on the field of battle, his name was read at the roll-call, and some one was appointed to answer for him, "Dead, upon the field."

As we look through our ranks for the past year, and the names of the dead are called, it becomes the duty of your appointed committee to answer for them, "Dead, upon the field." Of these, some in the ministry have gone.

Rev. D. F. Beebe of North Colebrook, a true servant of God, died in the harness, in the Master's work, faithful and true. Rev. Henry A. Chapman, late pastor of the Bridgeport Emanuel Church. A man of varied energies, but using all of them to their utmost: "His keen insight of human character, his ready recognition of the needs of the particular field where he was laboring, and his broad knowledge of the practical relations of men and things, enabled him to be useful in the Master's service." His death was sudden, but his work was done, although it seems unfinished.

Mention is made in the obituary report of the New London Association of Rev. Latham Fitch, for sixteen years pastor of the Second New London Church; a man of recognized piety, a strong and earnest evangelical preacher, removed in the strength of his life. His influence was for righteousness, and he loved the work to which he was called, and to which his life was given.

Rev. Geo. L. Putnam, pastor at Woodstock for six years, and formerly of other churches in the state. He was a man of more than ordinary ability as a preacher, but chose a quiet life; able to fill high position in the ministry, he, nevertheless, labored in humble life, and with the lesser churches of the state. Loving the Master in the ways that He seemed by His Providence to lead him.

D. Henry Miller, D.D., who, after more than forty years in the ministry, and nearly fifty years of preaching, retired from pastoral work. He died at his home in Mystic, Nov., 1896. He was uncompromising in his love for the word of God, and an earnest and heroic preacher. He baptized nearly seventeen hundred persons. He had pastorates at Third, North Stonington—where he was ordained in 1847—Meriden, and Norwich; Lowell, Mass.; Trenton, N. J.; New York city; and Brooklyn. Dr. Armitage said of him: "He is an able thinker, an unswerving Baptist, a true Christian, an outspoken man." In 1846 he received the degree of D.D from Lewisburg.

It is fitting in this connection that mention be made of Rev. Byron A. Woods, late pastor of the Gethsemane Baptist Church, Philadelphia. He spent some of his best years with the First New London, where he was ordained. Died at forty-six years of age, in the very prime of intellectual and spiritual strength, and in the midst of noble work. We knew him well, and to know him was to love him. One of his brother pastors in the city where he died said of him: "We are thankful that there is nothing we need to forget, or cover up, or excuse about our brother's life." Byron A. Woods died too soon.

"Servants of God, well done;
Rest from your loved employ,
The battle fought, the victory won,
Enter the Master's joy."

Of laymen who, armor-clad, have been visible on the walls of our Zion, time would almost fail us to tell.

In Stonington Union Association, Joseph Hancox of Stonington, although his church relation was in Baltimore, yet his work was largely here. A business man, but it was for the Lord, educational institutions, missionary organizations, church work had his heart, and liberal hand. A deep-rooted, consecrated servant of God. It is said that it was largely through his instrumentality that the great revival which swept through eastern Connecticut last year was undertaken.

In this church also, W. J. H. Pollard, a burden-bearer, indeed, for his own church and for missionary and other beneficent work he gave largely of his wealth, and in their beautiful house of worship, his large gift for it will be long remembered.

In the New Haven Association mention is made of John T. Trott of First Waterbury, greatly beloved for his consistent Christian character and faithful work.

A most marked case of bereavement is that of the Essex Church. In the space of thirteen months, twelve of their leading members have been called up higher. Among this number was Deacon Benj. Gladding, long a consistent member, and Mrs. Jane E. Wooster, for

54 years a zealous worker, and for 25 consecutive years the church organist.

Dea. Charles M. Perkins of the First Meriden, called early as an officer of the church.

Fairfield Association mentions Dea. James Potter of the First Bridgeport. James A. Wilson of the same church, ever active in all departments of Church work, both having served as deacon and clerk. Also Charles Powelson of the Stamford Church, for years active, faithful, and true in Christ's work. In the New London, 16 out of the 22 churches, report 50 deaths; among them, Niantic mentions one of her most generous givers, Mr. T. E. LeCount, and Lebanon, Dr. Chas. Sweet.

In the Hartford, Rockville loses Charles Elliot, a trustee of the church, and Dea. Myron Loomis, who were among the first members of the present church.

In Ashford, Willimantic speaks of Albert Wilson, who had been a member 48 years, and John P. Brown, 39 years an active member; and, while we have been in session, word comes to us of the death of M. N. Griswold of Winsted. One who has endeavored with his wealth to serve the Master, and, in his life, was an illustration of what our small churches may do for coming years. Coming from Colebrook to Deep River; helping his pastor there in his arduous work, and, after many years, removing to Winsted, where he gave his influence for the interests of the Baptist cause, giving \$1,000 towards the erection of their house of worship, and freely sustaining the work of the church. For twenty-five years a teacher, but, later, engaging in extensive business interests. He labored hard and long, and his works follow him.

"Part of the host have crossed the flood
And part are crossing now."

How many there are who might be mentioned, but this tablet will not hold them, and their works and words are written deeper in the churches where they lived and labored, and an angel's pen has written them where no hand can blot them out or years erase them.

But there are others yet, "Of honorable women, not a few." Let us just chisel the names of a few, who have given years to unremunerated Christian and benevolent work. Among these, the wives of ministers. New Britain speaks of the widow of a former pastor, and Lebanon of the widow of a former pastor, Rev. Orlando Cunningham.

First New London writes of the death of the wife of Rev. George Lester, for many years the efficient helper in his ministerial labors, and when ill health compelled his retirement from the active ministry, her piety shed its radiance in the home and in the church.

We also record the death of the beloved wife of Rev. P. G.

Wightman, a direct descendant of Rev. Valentine Wightman, the pioneer of Baptist principles in Connecticut. She was a devoted Christian, a true, noble wife of a minister of Christ, and, "When the roll is called up yonder," and not till then, shall we know how much of our success as ministers of Christ is due to those who have share our labors, and oftentimes by unseen influence have wrought by us, and often helped the heart that would have fainted, and held us to our place and work.

Then of other sisters a word. Mrs. Estelle D. Palmer, for many years director of the Woman's Home Mission Society for New London Association, and of great worth in her work. Mrs. Lucy Burdette of the Asylum Avenue Church, Hartford, whose efficient work as president of the Ladies' Social Organization, is much missed, because her place is empty.

Mrs. Mary A. Storrs of the Ashford, prominent in beneficent work, and others. And so the year closes over them, their labors done, the battle fought, the victory won. Name after name is called; they are not here; "*Dead upon the field,*" but with death conquered, and the crown of glory won.

"The faith with which they conquered —
Is still our strength and shield."

E. DEWHURST,
EDWIN W. HUSTED,
R. O. SHERWOOD,
J. CHESTER HYDE,
G. C. CHAPPELL.

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the "Minutes."

Hon. Hadlai A. Hull gave the report of the Committee on Temperance.

Cranks are necessary in all work, without them nothing could be turned. Those who oppose the liquor traffic are cranks. The real cause of divorce is chiefly liquor — intoxication. Multitudes of men are convinced, but not persuaded, many are almost persuaded; but while by word opposing the liquor traffic, they vote to have it continued. Drunkenness is on the increase in our state. According to the laws of the state he who aids or assists in the commission of a crime may be indicted and punished for the crime just as surely as the one who actually commits it. This is also the law of Christ.

The report was accepted.

Rev. J. D. Herr, D.D., presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That, as delegates representing the different churches composing this Convention, we desire to place on record our high appreciation of the generosity, business-like fidelity, and aggressive spirit of our worthy president, Mr. W. A. Grippin, and pledge ourselves anew to faithful co-operation in advancing the interests of this body.

Brethren Piddock, Genung, and Stubbett, and Edward Miller spoke in favor of the resolution.

The resolution was accepted with a rising vote.

President Grippin in reply thanked the Convention for this renewed expression of confidence, and said that it was an inspiration to try to do better service.

After prayer led by Rev. T. P. Briggs, the Convention adjourned until Wednesday, 3 P. M.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The Convention was called to order by President Grippin at 3 P. M.

Rev. A. Wheaton led in prayer.

Rev. E. C. Sage, D.D., chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, presented the report.

The report was accepted, and after discussion the resolutions were adopted and ordered printed in the "Minutes."

Your Committee on Resolutions beg leave to report as follows:

Resolved, That we record our unfeigned gratitude for the cordial and delightful hospitality extended by the Asylum Avenue Baptist Church to the delegates of the Convention, and that we particularly extend to their pastor, the Rev. Geo. M. Stone, D.D., the assurances of our appreciation of his untiring efforts for the comfort and pleasure of those who have been in attendance upon the sessions of this body.

Resolved, That we recommended that the pastors and delegates be urged to present a report of the proceedings of this Convention to their respective churches immediately upon their return, with a view to stimulating interest in the general work of our state.

Resolved, That with gratitude to Almighty God for the signal success which has attended the recent effort to raise the debts upon the great national missionary organizations, we urge the churches of Connecticut to remember that upon them rests the obligation

to provide their part of the means for the further active prosecution of the work.

Resolved. That the gigantic evil of intemperance in its many phases requires constant vigilance to stay its blighting influences upon the individual, domestic, and civic life.

Resolved. That we deplore the growing tendency toward worldliness in many of our churches, as evidenced in part by the participation of Christians in the modern customs of dancing, card playing, and attendance upon theaters.

Resolved. That the New Testament ideals of life and conduct need to be presented with new emphasis, and that we record the conviction that the Baptist churches have a mission not yet fulfilled, and that the welcome spirit of Christian fellowship now warmly commended by all, should not be allowed to blind us to the clear understanding of our time-honored position of loyalty to the word of God.

Resolved. That while we recognize with gratitude the efficient service rendered by the various religious journals now circulating within our state, we yet believe that there is a demand for some publication which shall furnish a medium for more intimate acquaintance with local church activities, and especially for disseminating more detailed information regarding the general work of our state organizations.

Certified to by the Committee.

E. C. SAGE,
A. C. HUBBARD,
J. W. PAYNE,
B. U. HATFIELD

Hon. Hadlai A. Hull moved the acceptance of the following paper on Temperance, and requested that Rev. J. H. James be permitted to speak concerning it. After a few words by Mr. James the paper was accepted.

As lovers of sobriety and good citizenship we are confronted by strange and appalling conditions. The number of legalized saloons in Connecticut is increasing at the rate of twenty-five per cent. in ten years. Their patrons, especially among young men and boys, multiply far more rapidly, while the number of graduates from these schools of crime to our jails and the State Prison has doubled in thirty years. Yet, fifteen towns have just taken down the barrier of no-license and welcomed back the banished dramshop, which will now sway 82 of our 168 towns. Worse than all this, the professed friends of morals and religion seem not only powerless, but paralyzed, so nearly universal are the apathy and indifference.

As a Convention, we appeal to our people to throw off this deadly stupor and enter earnestly upon aggressive work.

We heartily recommend the observance of Sunday, November 28th, as "Temperance Day," and suggest to our pastors, Sunday-school superintendents, and leaders of young people's meetings to arrange for such exercises on this day as shall awaken fresh interest in this great cause, and give a new impulse to the work.

The demonstrated value of the pledge of total abstinence in fortifying the young against the drunk evil, leads us to advise its judicious use in all our communities.

"The enemy cometh in like a flood." Our divine Leader lifts up "a standard against him." To this standard let all the people rally. Then shall temporary defeat be turned to signal victory.

H. A. HULL,

For Committee on Temperance.

The report of the Committee on Systematic Benevolence was presented by the chairman, Rev. G. M. Stone, D.D.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.

Your committee would urgently submit the following commendations:

1st. That the clerk of each association in the state be asked to obtain from every church in the bounds of the association a statement regarding the methods of giving now employed by them.

2d. That there be put in the hands of the clerks named a circular giving several plans of benevolence which have been proved practically successful, to be sent to every church for its consideration, where no system has yet been adopted.

3d. That conferences on the subject be held in the different associations.

4th. That the movement thus begun should not cease until every church has come into line in some well-defined system of giving.

The report was accepted, adopted, and ordered printed in the "Minutes."

Voted, That the Committee be reappointed for another year.

Rev. W. G. Fennell presented the report on Place and Preacher. The Place is not yet decided, but will be within a few days. We recommend as preacher of the Annual Sermon, Rev. E. M. Poteat, D.D.; alternate, Rev. G. F. Genung, D.D.

The report was accepted.

- The report of the Committee on Home and Foreign Missions was presented by the chairman, Rev. J. C. Breaker.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Nearly two thousand years ago there issued the command from the King of kings, and Lord of lords, addressed to a mere handful of Asiatics, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to the whole creation." Obedient to this command, the story of Bethlehem, Calvary, and Olivet was told again and again, until the believers in Jesus came to be numbered by the millions; and Robert MacKenzie, in writing a "History of the Nineteenth Century," can say, "There are few things in human history that wear an aspect of higher moral grandeur than the opening of what are now our great missions. One or two men, sent by this church and by that, are seen going forth, in obedience to a command spoken eighteen hundred years ago, to begin the enormous work of undermining heathenism and reclaiming the world to God." And now comes a statement from Dr. John H. Barrows, based upon his observations and investigations in Asia, that notwithstanding "all the forces which keep people back from open confession, the membership of the native churches in India has increased more rapidly during the last twenty years than has the population." The purposes of God are being realized, and the day is coming apace in which "every knee shall bow, and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

The Convention year just closed has witnessed an unusual increase of interest in this heaven-appointed task, on the part of the great Baptist Brotherhood of these United States. A larger number than ever before have pleaded at the "Throne of Grace," have given of their time and their powers, have contributed of their means, to promote the interests of the Kingdom of God among men. The movement to pay the combined debts of the home and foreign societies, inaugurated and carried to so triumphantly successful an issue, is regarded by those best qualified to judge, "as one of the most important and remarkable movements in the history of the Baptist denomination in this country." While large sums of money have been contributed by those having the means at command — and for this fact we thank God — yet the large number of small gifts is a better index of the spiritual life, the consecration and widespread interest in the work. The effect of this movement upon the Christian converts in Asia has been most salutary. This fact is illustrated by the following letter, taken from the *Missionary Magazine* for September of the present year:

"To the Society in the United States of America, through which we have 'been born again,' through the word of God, which 'liveth and abideth,' from the Elders of the church of Nisangram, Assam:

"To the Lord Jesus Christ be praise, and honor, and glory, and power forever more.

"We have heard of the debt in which you, through pity for our souls, have become involved, and, although our bodies are separated, our hearts are with you. Your sorrows are shared by us, and in our petitions to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we always make mention of your debt, and if it please Him, He may relieve you of this debt, and further help you to extend His own Kingdom to the ends of the earth. As we have a large place in your hearts, so, although, to live and to die together, we wish you to have no small place in our hearts, yet we are not yet sufficiently enlarged. But, at this time, to show our fellowship with your sorrows and your joys we write this brief letter.

"The salutations of the Elders of the church of Nisangram."

Manifestly, the very trying ordeal through which our Missionary Societies have been passing, by the grace of God, has resulted, among other things, in cementing the bonds of Christian brotherhood between the converts from heathenism in the lands beyond the seas and the constituency of our Missionary Societies in this favored country.

In this great work the churches of our own commonwealth have been having a part. While not so large, and not so populous, and not so wealthy as the sister states on the west and the north, we are disposed to be encouraged by Connecticut's share in the work of the past year. A careful scrutiny of the home and foreign mission offerings, as reported to the associations, reveals the fact that \$19,491.04 have been devoted to this cause this year. This does not include the offerings to state work, to ministerial education, to Bible and Publication society, widows' and orphans' fund, and that indefinite "Other Objects" column, nor to the Y. P. Societies or the Sunday-schools, a large part of which, doubtless, was devoted to the same work. It represents the aggregate of the four columns in our statistical tables: "Home Missions," "Foreign Missions," "Woman's Home Missions," "Woman's Foreign Missions," and is \$3,136.83 more than last year; and \$1,020.19 more than the average for the past five years.

The figures as obtained from the clerks of the associations are as follows:

Name of Association.	Amount 1897.	Amount 1896.	Gain.	Loss.	Average 1892-'96.	Gain.	Loss.
Ashford, . . .	\$1,486.78	\$1,034.64	\$402.14	.....	\$1,267.67	\$169.11	.....
Fairfield, . . .	2,687.07	2,118.02	569.05	.....	2,169.80	517.27	.....
Hartford, . . .	3,516.17	3,726.30	.....	\$210.13	3,711.58	.....	\$195.41
New Haven, . . .	8,650.44	6,285.21	2,365.23	.....	8,290.67	359.77	.....
New London, . . .	1,701.32	1,673.13	28.19	.....	1,553.59	147.73	.....
Stonington Union, . .	1,499.26	1,516.91	.....	17.65	1,477.54	21.72	.....
Totals, . . .	\$19,491.04	\$16,354.21	Net Gain \$3,136.83	.....	\$18,470.85	\$1,020.19	.....

While two associations gave, in the aggregate, \$227.78 less this year than last, the offering of only one association is below both that of 1896 and the average for the five years preceding.

Your committee, while finding much to encourage, are impressed with the fact that, the maximum limit of the possibility of the churches to contribute to this work, has not been reached. It is persuaded that every Baptist church in the state *ought* to contribute something; it ought to do so out of loyalty to its Lord; it ought for the sake of its own spiritual growth; it ought for the sake of its own existence; for the highway along which anti-mission churches travel leads to declension, spiritual poverty, decay, and ultimate extinction.

While the terms "Foreign," "Home," and "State," as applied to missionary work, may be necessary in connection with a convenient division of labor, they have no proper place in the Kingdom of God. The command, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to the whole creation," includes Connecticut and North America, as well as the lands from which we are separated by the width of the oceans, and it includes all the other habitable parts of the earth, as well as the United States. The nature and the principles, and the intended scope, of the Kingdom of Heaven among men, as made known by Jesus, needs a more thorough investigation, a clearer exposition, and a stronger emphasis, in order that the errors existing in the common Christian mind concerning missionary work may be corrected. The churches need to realize that the supreme motive to missionary activity, both in personal effort and in the contributing of our means, is not devotion to the Missionary Union, or the Home Mission Society, commendable as such devotion in its proper place is, but loyalty to Jesus Christ as Lord and King, a spirit of obedience to His commands, that does not "ask the reason why," but even dares "to do and die." For we are not our own, we have been bought with a price, we are not to live, therefore, unto ourselves, but unto Him who loved us, and for our sakes died and rose again.

It is the conviction of your committee that the manifestation of the spirit of unity between the Missionary Union and the Home

Mission Society, in the uniting of their efforts to liquidate the debts of a year ago, is a step in the right direction. While their fields of labor are clearly defined by geographical lines, the fact that the work is one, that the motive is one, that the aim is one, that both are seeking the salvation of individual souls, moved thereto by loyalty to Jesus Christ, to the end that this world may be brought in triumph to the feet of our risen and exalted and reigning King — this fact needs to be constantly emphasized.

JNO. C. BREAKER, *Chairman.*

E. T. MILLER,

J. R. STUBBERT,

C. L. RHOADES,

J. B. LEMON.

Voted, That the report be accepted, adopted, and printed in the Minutes.

The report of the Committee on Sunday-schools was presented by the chairman, Rev. W. P. Chipman, D.D.

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

It is with regret that your present Sunday-school Committee is obliged to say that they have found it impossible to carry out the special recommendation of your Sunday-school Committee of last year. That special recommendation was as follows:

"Your committee would suggest that the Sunday-school Committee of this Convention be empowered to enlarge itself after conference with the associational officers, by the appointment of three carefully chosen men from each association, whose duty it shall be to organize new schools wherever there may be opportunity, to encourage weak schools by their occasional presence and counsel, if the officers of such schools welcome or approve, to furnish such inspiration in any line of Sunday-school work as may be in accord with the plan of the central committee."

The chief reason why this recommendation has not been carried out by your committee lies in the fact that not until thirty days ago did any of that committee know that they had been named for this important position, and so the year, practically, was gone before they were aware of the work assigned to them.

Indeed, there was scarcely time enough remaining for your committee to collect the Sunday-school statistics for this year and place them in contrast with those of a year ago. This, however, they have done, and now submit the results for your consideration.

So far as we can learn, only one new school was organized during

the year, and that was in the New Haven Association. Taking the associations in their usual order, the Ashford shows a gain of 121 in its enrollment over last year; the Fairfield, a loss of 408; the Hartford, a gain of 33; the New Haven, a gain of over 400; the New London, a loss of 434; and the Stonington, a gain of 3; while the record of all the associations reveals a loss of 221.

Another interesting, though humiliating, discovery is made when we compare the average attendance of the schools with their enrollment. Only 4 schools have an average of 80 per cent. in their attendance; only 11 schools an average of 70 per cent; and only 28 schools an average exceeding 60 per cent. The majority of the schools average between 50 and 60 per cent. in their attendance; while 28 schools show an average of less than 50 per cent.; and two schools fall below 40 per cent. Taking the associations in their order again, the percentage of attendance is: Ashford, 56; Fairfield, 51; Hartford, 59; New Haven, 59; New London, 48; and Stonington, 51; while the total average is a trifle below 54 per cent. In other words, the general average of attendance for our schools throughout the state scarcely exceeds one-half the total enrollment. With all due allowance for weather, for sickness, and for temporary absence from the field, this surely is a remarkably low figure, and deserves the thoughtful consideration of every one interested in Sunday-school work.

Another interesting, but no less humiliating, discovery is made when we look at the reported benevolence of our schools. In the Ashford Association just one-half of the schools are credited with benevolent offerings; in the Fairfield Association only 47 per cent. of the schools are so credited; in the Hartford Association 56 per cent.; in the New Haven Association, 58 per cent.; in the New London Association, 55 per cent.; while the Stonington Association takes the banner, with a showing of 77 per cent. But the average for all the schools is only a little more than 57 per cent., or not quite three-fifths of the whole number.

In the light of these statistics, your committee would make two suggestions:

(1) That as soon after the appointment of your Sunday-school Committee for the coming year, as practicable, the secretary of the Convention notify them of their appointment, and call their attention to and urge upon them the carrying out of the special recommendation of your Sunday-school Committee of one year ago, and which is reproduced at the beginning of this report. It is a movement imperatively demanded by the present condition of our schools.

(2) That, in addition to the work assigned to your Sunday-school committee by the special recommendation already alluded to they also be asked to call the attention of our schools to, and urge upon their favorable attention, these three practical and necessary lines of work:

(a) Persistent effort to increase the number of scholars. There are still many out of our schools who should be gathered in. We should not report less, but more, in our schools from year to year. The opportunity for service is here large indeed.

(b) A similar effort to increase the percentage of average attendance in our schools. No superintendent of public schools would be satisfied with an average of 54 per cent. in the attendance at the schools under his charge. We know of schools where, if the average falls below 80 per cent., an immediate inquiry is made for the cause. Should we be satisfied with a less per cent. in the schools of Christ?

(c) That a like effort be made to have, not 57 per cent., but 100 per cent. of our schools credited with benevolent offerings. Out from our schools is to come the church of the future. On the beneficence of the church of the future hangs the problem of the world's evangelization. "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it." This is as true of the training in beneficence as of any other training; and it is, therefore, imperative that the members of our schools should learn, not only to repeat, but also to put into practical demonstration, the saying of our Lord Jesus: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM P. CHIPMAN,

CHARLES EDWARD PRIOR,

For the Committee.

Voted, That the report be accepted, adopted, and ordered printed in the "Minutes."

Rev. E. R. Perkins presented the report of the Committee on Enrollment.

Associations.	Churches.	Delegates.
Ashford.	7	23
Fairfield.	11	44
Hartford.	20	64
New Haven.	30	106
Stonington Union.	9	31
New London.	9	31
Total.	86	299

Voted, That the report be accepted.

President Grippin announced that in looking over the papers of the Convention it was found that there was an asset of \$125, which is good, and this puts the Convention in that much better condition.

President Grippin announced the following committees.

Committees to report next year:

On Nomination of Trustees — Rev. Henry Clarke, Rev. A. K. Foster, Rev. W. D. McKinney, Rev. J. B. Lemon, Marshall E. Morris.

On Obituaries — Rev. J. C. Hyde, Rev. E. W. Husted, Rev. L. B. Curtis, Rev. G. C. Chappell, Rev. R. O. Sherwood, Rev. E. Dewhurst.

On State of Churches — Rev. J. R. Stubbert, Rev. W. P. Elsdon, Rev. Geo. D. Reid, Rev. A. W. Hand, Rev. W. P. Chipman, D.D.

On Home and Foreign Missions — Rev. G. W. Nicholson, Rev. W. C. Martin, Rev. Harold Pattison, Rev. Addison Moore, Rev. R. E. Turner, Rev. C. H. Brown.

On Bible Schools — Rev. Geo. H. Gardner, Dwight L. Smith, Rev. F. E. Robbins, H. C. Warren, Rev. G. C. Sauer, Rev. H. M. Wolf, Jr.

On Temperance — Rev. F. G. McKeever, Rev. S. A. Ives, Rev. C. T. Ramsey, Rev. S. G. Hastings, Rev. W. N. Morton.

On New Churches — Rev. J. C. Breaker, Rev. J. A. Elder, Rev. J. S. Lyon, Rev. A. P. Wedge, Rev. J. F. Liljegren, Rev. Harvey Linsley.

On Arrangements for Next Session — Pastor of Entertaining Church, Rev. P. S. Evans, Rev. C. A. Piddock, and such others as the chairman may desire to add.

On Systematic Beneficence — Same Committee as last year. Chairman, Rev. G. M. Stone, D.D.

After well-chosen words by Rev. Geo. M. Stone, D.D., and President Grippin, Rev. John Strong offered prayer.

Voted, To adjourn.

WM. A. GRIPPIN,
President.

P. S. EVANS,
Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

For the Year Ending October, 1897.

Sale of Putnam Chapel, \$885.25

RECEIVED FROM CHURCHES.

Andover,	\$2.75	Moodus,	\$15.00
Ansonia,	100.00	Montowese,	10.00
Bloomfield,	5.85	New Canaan,	5.00
Branford,	27.00	New Hartford,	6.00
Bridgeport, E. Wash. Av.,	28.29	New Britain, First, . .	236.52
" First,	250.00	" German,	6.00
" Messiah,	15.00	" Swedish,	7.89
" German,	8.00	New Haven, First, . .	209.50
Bristol,	60.95	" Calvary,	279.35
Brooklyn,	15.50	" Grand Av.,	36.83
Clinton,	10.00	" German,	28.00
Cromwell,	16.00	" Hope,	40.64
Danbury, Second,	33.00	" Swedish,	5.00
Danielson,	32.32	New London, First, . .	57.53
Deep River,	64.75	" Huntington St., . .	26.00
Eastford,	20.00	New Milford,	15.00
East Lyme,	7.00	Niantic,	9.04
Easton,	6.25	North Lyme,	20.00
Groton, First,	35.50	No. Stonington, Third, . .	6.00
" Heights,	13.01	Norwich, Central, . . .	200.00
Hartford, Asylum Av.,	162.00	" Third,	11.22
" Memorial,	48.00	Old Lyme,	8.00
" South,	131.60	Packerville,	15.20
" Swedish,	5.00	Plainfield, Union, . . .	10.25
" Olivet,	17.04	Poquonock Bridge, . . .	10.00
Jewett City,	21.70	Putnam,	219.65
Laurel Glen,	2.00	Rockville,	27.00
Mansfield,	16.00	Saybrook, First,	5.08
Meriden, Main St.,	25.80	South Norwalk,	65.57
" First,	158.89	South Windsor,	8.00
S. J. Hall, Ital-		South Woodstock,	4.21
ian Work,	25.00	Southington,	28.25
" German,	10.00	Spring Hill,	10.00
Mystic, Union,	143.86	Stafford,	6.00
Montville, Union,	19.76	Stepney,	13.00

STATE CONVENTION.

Sterling Hill,	\$10.00	Waterbury, German, .	\$5.00
Stonington Borough, .	164.29	Waterford, First, . .	22.37
Stonington, Third, . .	6.00	Waterford, Second, .	27.21
Suffield, First,	23.00	Westford,	2.00
" Second,	44.00	Wethersfield,	5.00
Tariffville,	10.00	Willimantic,	36.61
Thompson, Central, . .	12.81	Winsted,	12.26
Torrington,	26.00	White Hills,	7.50
Voluntown,	6.00	Yalesville,	25.00
Wallingford,	93.40		
Waterbury First, . . .	206.25		<hr/> \$3,937.25

FROM SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Groton Heights,	\$4.39	Southington,	\$10.00
First, Middletown, . . .	7.90	South Norwalk,	3.80
			<hr/> \$26.09

FROM INDIVIDUALS.

A Friend, Southington,	\$2.16
A. J. Shipley, Waterbury, for Torrington,	50.00
Mrs. Francis Wayland, for Torrington,	50.00
James Newcomb, New London, for Torrington,	50.00
W. A. Grippin, Bridgeport, for Torrington,	100.00
Mrs. Jessie A. Hyde, Quaker Hill,	10.00
Mrs. Joslyn, Groton,	1.00
A Friend,	10.00
Rev. S. J. Weaver, East Lyme,	2.00
James L. Howard, Hartford, on debt,	250.00
W. A. Grippin, Bridgeport, on debt,	500.00
Mrs. Francis Wayland, New Haven,	100.00
Estate of Mary A. Storrs,	5.00
Edward Miller, Meriden, for debt,	250.00
	<hr/> \$1,380.16

FROM WOMEN'S AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

Voluntown Farther Lights,	\$3.00
Groton Heights B. Y. P. U.,	10.00
Montowese Women's Mission Circle,	7.00
Winsted Y. P. S. C. E.,	9.44
New Haven Woman's Baptist Alliance,	20.00
Spring Hill Y. P. S. C. E.,	2.00
Hartford, Suffield St., Y. P. S. C. E.,	6.00
	<hr/> \$56.44

FROM INTEREST, INCOME TO CONVENTION.

Martha Rogers Fund, . .	\$5.00	Sheldon Fund,	25.00
Chapman Fund,	307.50	Cone Fund, one-half, .	90.00
			<hr/> \$427.50

INTEREST ON FUNDS PAYABLE TO DESIGNATED CHURCHES.

Dunham Fund, Willington, Mansfield, Andover, . . .	\$195.00
E. N. Francis Fund, Wethersfield,	46.50
Cone Fund, one-half, Moodus,	90.00
May Fund, Wethersfield,	25.00
A. Francis Fund, Wethersfield,	75.00
Miller Fund, North Stonington,	80.00
Phelps Fund, North Colebrook,	15.00
Rowayton Fund, Rowayton,	90.00
Frisbie Fund, credited Asylum Ave., Hartford.	
	<hr/> \$616.50

FOR ITALIAN WORK.

Amos B. Taylor, Old Mystic,	\$10.00
Mrs. W. C. Augur, Hartford,	2.00
Lewis Hall, Meriden,	10.00
Wallingford Y. P. S. C. E.,	5.00
Robert Palmer, Noank,	25.00
A Friend,	5.00
W. A. Grippin, Bridgeport,	25.00
L. C. Glazier, Hartford,	8.00
Rev. G. H. Gardner, Deep River,	10.00
Young People's Society, Deep River,	10.00
Publication Society,	37.59
	<hr/> \$147.59

MISCELLANEOUS.

Woman's Home Miss. Society of Conn., for Minutes, .	\$5.00
Woman's Foreign Miss. Union of Conn., for Minutes, .	5.00
Estate of Reuben White,	500.00
Huntington St., New London, Lyon bequest fund, . .	25.00
C. A. Piddock, services as supply,	20.00
Education Society, for Minutes,	30.00
Advertising in Minutes,	5.00
Messiah Church, Bridgeport, on loan,	275.00
Rent of German Parsonage, Bridgeport,	251.50
Sale of Tent,	65.00
N. Y., N. H., & H. R. R., for stock,	20.00
Bequest of Jas. M. Phillips, Andover,	100.00
Bixby Fund, transferred to apply on debt,	933.94
Baldwin Fund, transferred to current funds, . . .	1,373.06
M. N. Griswold, Winsted, payment of mortgage, . .	1,200.00
Loan for Torrington,	1,500.00
	<hr/> \$6,808.50
	<hr/> \$13,785.28

PAYMENTS TO CHURCHES.

Bridgeport, German, \$100.00	Old Lyme,	\$80.00
“ Messiah, . 100.00	Poquonnoc Bridge, .	60.00
“ Immanuel, 50.00	Mt. Calvary, Norwich,	25.00
New Haven, Swedish, . 162.60	New Britain, Swedish,	12.50
Meriden, Swedish, . . 120.00	Westford,	35.00
Hartford, Swedish, . . 60.00	Moodus,	60.00
Waterbury, German, . 112.50	New Canaan,	120.00
West Hartford, 116.67	Andover,	45.00
New Hartford, 120.00	Tariffville,	140.00
Bantam and Cornwall, 150.00	Waterbury, Swedish, .	37.50
Rockville, 250.00	Naugatuck, Mission, .	45.00
Warrenville, 10.00	French Mission, . . .	150.00
Eastford, 80.00	Torrington,	366.67
Sterling Hill, 85.00		<hr/> \$2,703.34

Salary and expenses of Secretary,	\$345.08
Salary and expenses of Field Secretary,	1,214.97
Italian Mission,	195.00
Wethersfield Church, income,	146.50
Rowayton Church, income,	270.00
First North Stonington Church, income,	80.00
North Colebrook Church, income,	15.00
Mansfield Church, income,	52.00
Willington Church, income,	104.00
Andover Church, income,	39.00
Moodus Church, income,	90.00
Convention expenses,	14.00
Insurance, Bridgeport German, \$42	
West Hartford, 35—	77.00
P. S. Evans, for <i>Advance</i> and stenographer,	80.00
Interest on loans,	192.19
“ Bridgeport German,	165.00
“ Shelton,	90.00
Printing,	186.70
Expenses of Executive Committee,	23.17
Contributions to Scott Hill Church,	25.00
Bridgeport German, water rents and repairs,	41.10
Paid on loans,	3,100.00
Deposited in Savings Bank, Church Edifice Fund,	50.00
“ “ “ bal. Colored Church Fund,	535.25
Baptist Ministers' Home Society, Baldwin Fund,	500.00
Paid to Torrington,	2,700.00
Paid to H. A. Chapman, settlement of claim,	210.00
Due Treasurer at last report,	484.04
Balance on hand,	56.94

\$13,785.28

I have this day examined the above account, with vouchers, and find the same to be correct.

October 16, 1897.

A. J. SLOPER,
Member of Finance Committee.

SUMMARY OF REPORT.

Received from Churches,	\$3,937.25
“ “ Sunday-Schools,	26.09
“ “ Individuals,	1,380.16
“ “ Interest,	1,044.00
“ “ Societies,	56.44
“ “ for Italian Work,	147.59
“ “ Bequests,	600.00
“ “ Funds transferred,	2,307.00
“ “ Putnam Chapel,	885.25
“ “ Winsted, mortgage,	1,200.00
“ “ Torrington, loan,	1,500.00
“ “ Messiah Church,	275.00
“ “ Miscellaneous,	426.50
	—————\$13,785.28

PAYMENTS.

To Churches,	\$2,703.34
Secretaries,	1,560.05
Italian Mission,	195.00
Income to Churches,	796.50
Insurance,	77.00
Interest,	447.19
Printing,	186.70
To Colored Church Fund,	535.25
To Ministers' Home,	500.00
On Loan,	3,100.00
To Torrington,	2,700.00
Due Treasurer at last report,	484.04
Miscellaneous,	443.27
Balance on hand,	56.94
	—————\$13,785.28

BEQUESTS.

The income of which is payable to designated churches.

Bequest of Eber Dunham,	\$4,500.00
“ Esther N. Francis,	900.00
“ Almira O. Cone, one-half of \$5,000,	2,500.00
“ Ann M. May,	500.00
“ Alfred Francis,	1,500.00
“ Anna E. Miller,	1,000.00
“ A. E. Phelps,	500.00
“ Sarah M. Frisbie,	1,000.00

Bequests the income of which is payable to the Convention.

Bequest of Martha Rogers,	\$500.00
“ Chas. H. Chapman,	6,500.00
“ C. H. Sheldon,	500.00
“ Almira O. Cone, one-half of \$5,000,	2,500.00

The Convention also holds the title to the following church property New Hartford, German of Bridgeport, Shelton, Winsted, Meriden Swedish, Torrington, West Hartford, and Immanuel of Bridgeport; and mortgages for \$1,000 on New Britain Swedish Church, and \$900 on German of Waterbury.

FUND FOR COLORED CHURCHES.

Sale of Putnam Chapel,		\$885.25
Paid on Messiah Church loan,	\$275.00	
Appropriations to colored churches,	75.00	
Balance,	535.25	
		<hr/> \$885.25

CHURCH EDIFICE FUND.

Balance on hand,	\$104.32
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LIABILITIES.

Loans reported last year,	\$4,325.00	
Due Treasurer at last report,	484.04	
		<hr/> \$4,809.04
Paid balance due Treasurer,	\$484.04	
“ on loans,	3,100.00	3,584.04
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Balance due on loans,		\$1,225.00
Loan for Torrington to be paid from mortgage,		1,500.00

PRINTING ACCOUNT.

Rec'd from Woman's Home Miss. Society,	\$5.00	
“ “ Foreign “ “	5.00	
“ Education Society,	30.00	
“ Current funds,	146.70	
		<hr/> \$186.70
Paid Brink & Mason,	\$175.00	
“ Henry Clark,	2.50	
“ Graham & Gerrard,	8.20	
“ Adkins Printing Co.,	1.00	
		<hr/> \$186.70

Since this report was balanced the following amounts have been received:

Hartford, Asylum Avenue, additional,	\$10.00
“ First,	171.00
Shelton,	7.70
Middletown, First,	60.10
Ansonia, additional,	5.16
Plainville,	8.00

Norwalk, First,	14.00
New London, First, additional,	2.00
Chas. Edw. Prior, Hartford,	2.00
Messiah Church, Bridgeport, on loan,	100.00
A Friend, North Lyme,	5.00
Warrenville Mission Circle,	6.00
Willington,	9.00
South Willington, Y. P. S. C. E.,	3.00
Yalesville, additional,	12.50
North Stonington, Second,	2.00
Waterbury German, on loan,	50.00
Cash Received for Debt,	114.00
Noank Church,	100.00
Collections at Convention,	98.98
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	\$780.44

These amounts, added to the balance on report (\$56.94), make cash in hands of treasurer, \$837.88; balance of Putnam Chapel Fund, \$535.25; making \$1,372.63 toward the balance due on loans and amount due to Torrington for subscriptions, received \$250; while pledges have been received sufficient to more than pay the remainder when the amounts are paid in.

The following statistics, furnished by E. V. Preston, Esq., chairman of the Entertainment Committee, are printed here as matters of general interest.

Items concerning the Baptist State Convention, held at the Asylum Avenue Baptist Church, Hartford, Conn., Oct. 18, 19, 20, 1897.

No. of delegates or substitutes, as reported,	386
Entertained at homes,	265
Entertained at hotels,	44
141 of the 309 entertained in homes or hotels were provided for by this church.	

Dinners furnished on Tuesday,	370
Suppers furnished on Tuesday,	340
Dinners furnished on Wednesday,	360
Total meals at church,	1,070

Collections.

For Young People's Society, Monday evening,	\$23.93
" Convention, Tuesday, A.M.,	25.49
" Convention, Tuesday, P.M. (amt. raised for deficiency),	1,010.00
" Convention, Tuesday evening,	31.00
Educational Society, Wednesday, A.M.,	50.22
Woman's Baptist Home Missionary Society,	18.40
Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society,	23.25
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Total, \$1,184.29

ROLL OF DELEGATES.

- Ansonia*, First — Rev. and Mrs. W. D. McKinney, Dr. and Mrs. B. F. Leach, Mr. Robert Thompson.
- Ansonia*, Macedonia — Rev. Ed. Johnson.
- Bridgeport*, First — Rev. G. W. Nicholson, Hon. and Mrs. W. A. Grippin, Rev. C. C. Luther, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Morris, Mrs. W. V. Garner, Mrs. H. Williams.
- Bridgeport*, East Washington Ave. — G. D. Reid, Mrs. G. V. Knapp, Mrs. W. A. Phillips.
- Bridgeport*, Messiah — Rev. W. N. Morton.
- Branford* — Rev. P. G. Wightman, Dea. Henry Hubbard, James H. Fowler, Thomas Ward.
- Bristol* — Rev. John S. Lyon, Mrs. John S. Lyon, Mrs. G. W. Mitchell, Mrs. Geo. Fenn, Mr. W. L. Hart.
- Brooklyn* — Rev. E. Bennett, R. B. Willard, Wm. Potter.
- Clinton* — Rev. R. H. Sherman, Geo. S. Carter.
- Colchester* — Rev. Frank Day.
- Cromwell* — Rev. Walter V. Gray and wife, Mr. Geo. Stevens and wife.
- Danbury* — Rev. A. C. Hubbard, D.D., Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Seeley, Henry Crofut, J. Amsbury, E. S. Fairchild.
- Danielson* — Rev. and Mrs. B. U. Hatfield, Miss Alice Bolles.
- Deep River* — Rev. and Mrs. G. H. Gardner, Dea. and Mrs. G. F. Spencer, Julius P. Post.
- Eastford* — Rev. T. P. Briggs, Geo. W. Thayer.
- East Haddam* — L. M. Stark, Jennie E. Stark.
- Essex* — Rev. and Mrs. W. P. Chipman, D.D., Mrs. J. E. Redfield, Miss Grace Hough.
- Groton*, First — Rev. Dryden W. Phelps, Lit.D., Rev. A. J. Chandler, Hon. Amos B. Taylor.
- Groton Heights* — Rev. and Mrs. E. T. Miller, Dea. and Mrs. F. Gallup, Miss Helen J. Allen, H. A. Edgecomb, Christopher Rockwell.
- Hartford*, Asylum Ave. — Rev. Geo. M. Stone, D.D., J. L. Denison, E. V. Preston, D. N. Slate, C. E. Prior.
- Hartford*, Memorial — Rev. and Mrs. H. M. Thompson, Geo. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Dickinson.
- Hartford*, Olivet — Miss Nellie M. Barrows.
- Hartford*, South — Rev. Frank Dixon, H. M. Jacobs, Rev. T. G. Wright, E. B. Squires, Mrs. H. L. Strong, Mrs. Mayer.
- Hartford*, Swede — Rev. Nils Ek, Oscar Johnson.
- Hartford*, Union — Rev. J. W. Anderson, J. O. Taylor, Mrs. Mary Beal.
- Jewett City* — Rev. John W. Payne, Dea. T. M. Crumb, Wm. R. Palmer, James B. Palmer, Jr.
- Meriden*, First — Rev. W. G. Fennell, Dea. and Mrs. A. J. Wright, Henry A. Post, Miss Fannie L. Twiss, Miss Helen Benedict, Mrs. G. H. Vaughan.

- Meriden*, German — Rev. and Mrs. Emil Berger, Mrs. M. Stocker, Mrs. Fr. Marom, Mrs. A. Stockburger, Miss M. Stockburger.
- Meriden*, Main St. — Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Husted, Dea. and Mrs. A. H. Gardner, Mrs. Dwight Syblie, Mrs. Sarah Watrous.
- Meriden*, Swede — Rev. T. Clafford.
- Middletown* — Rev. and Mrs. R. Maplesden, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Fall, Mr. W. J. Freirthick, Dea. S. Stevens.
- Mystic* — Rev. Arch. Wheaton, Dea. R. P. Wilbur, Dea. E. F. Wilcox.
- New Britain* — Rev. J. H. Strong, W. F. Walker, N. W. Graves, Rev. L. S. Johnson, Herbert H. Wetherell.
- New Britain*, German — Rev. and Mrs. Herman von Berge.
- New Britain*, Swede — Rev. Wilh. Johanson.
- New Hartford* — Rev. C. N. Nichols, Dea. O. Fitch.
- New Haven*, Calvary — Rev. E. M. Poteat, D.D., Dea. Giles Potter, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Johnson, Mr. Wm. H. Douglass, Mr. Geo. Baldwin, Mr. J. Q. Bradish.
- New Haven*, First — Rev. Addison Moore, Dea. W. Ferris, Dea. C. B. Henson, Mr. G. S. Dunbar, Mr. F. M. Cox, Mrs. Angus.
- New Haven*, German — Rev. F. W. C. Meyer.
- New Haven*, Grand Ave. — Rev. Dr. Sage and wife, Mrs. John Santry, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Preston, Mrs. Wm. Sheffield.
- New Haven*, Hope — Rev. J. A. Elder, Mrs. E. M. Alling, Miss Jennie Johnston.
- New Haven*, Howard Ave — Rev. D. W. Stoddard, Geo. Shipman, Chas. E. Lester.
- New Haven*, Olivet — Rev. A. K. Foster, C. M. Parker, John E. Kohner.
- New Haven*, Swede — Rev. F. J. Liljegren.
- New London*, First — Rev. F. G. McKeever, Rev. Geo. H. Lester, H. C. Weaver, H. D. Stanton, Mrs. Annie Lester, Mrs. F. W. Smith.
- New London*, Huntington St. — Rev. J. R. Stubbett, Mrs. Allen Penhallow, Mrs. Edward Parker, Dea. H. P. Dwyer.
- Niantic* — Rev. Joseph McKean, Mrs. W. H. Mosier.
- Noank* — Rev. W. C. Martin, Dea. Robert Palmer, W. A. Fraser, J. Curtis Lamb.
- North Lyme* — Rev. and Mrs. J. G. Ward, Mrs. M. J. Stark, Miss May E. Stark, Mrs. Wm. Sisson.
- Northville* — Rev. and Mrs. C. S. Ramsey, Miss Olive Camp.
- Norwalk*, First — Rev. and Mrs. F. E. Robbins, Mrs. M. W. Silliman, Mrs. William Bartram.
- Norwich*, Central — Rev. J. D. Herr, D.D., Dea. B. G. Smith, Palmer Bill, Fred. Cranston, Miss Emily Davies, Miss Mary Lillian Herr.
- Norwich*, First — Rev. Herbert E. Wise.
- Packerville* — Rev. and Mrs. A. A. Robinson, Dea. J. L. Chapman.
- Plainville* — Rev. J. C. Duncanson, Mrs. A. H. Condell.
- Putnam* — Rev. A. W. Hand, Dea. J. W. Manning, Mr. N. W. Kennedy, Mrs. Helen M. Kent.
- Rockville* — Rev. A. P. Wedge, Mrs. C. N. Charter, Mrs. E. J. Drew.
- Rowayton* — Rev. C. H. Hands.
- Salem* — Rev. and Mrs. James L. Cranston.

Saybrook — Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Elmer.

Shelton — Rev. F. D. Luddington.

Southington — Rev. and Mrs. Jno. C. Breaker, Dea. J. Bills, Mrs. C. A. Cadwell.

South Norwalk — Rev. and Mrs. R. O. Sherwood, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Woodworth, Mrs. H. P. Morgan.

South Windsor — Rev. L. B. Curtis, Henry Holman.

Stamford — Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Rhoades; Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Demerest, Mrs. E. S. Waterbury, Nellie Louise Vary, Nellie Miller.

Stepney — Rev. and Mrs. F. P. Braman, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Nichols.

Stonington — Rev. Henry Clarke and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. G. King, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Hull.

Sufield, First — Rev. and Mrs. Harvey Linsley, Dea. and Mrs. J. C. Hastings, Ida L. Stiles.

Sufield, Second — Rev. G. F. Genung, D.D., and wife, Dea. F. B. Hathaway, T. H. Spencer, Principal H. L. Thompson.

Tariffville — Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Wm. H. Pease.

Torrington — Rev. and Mrs. P. S. Evans, Dea. Robert Birney.

Voluntown — Rev. and Mrs. E. Dewhurst, G. Elmer Lamphere.

Wallingford — Rev. F. E. Marble, C. H. Brown, Rev. Jas. A. Clarke.

Waterbury, First — Dea. and Mrs. A. J. Shipley, Mrs. Robert Lowe, Mrs. Edwin Smith, Mrs. Wm. O'Neil, Dea. Jno. Littlejohn.

Waterbury, German — Rev. Chas. A. Schlipf.

Waterbury, Second — Mrs. Della Buchanan, Mrs. Edna Snagg, Alfred Mitchell, Franklin Potter.

Waterford, First — Rev. and Mrs. H. M. Wolf, Jr., Earl W. Darrow.

West Hartford — Miss Carrie Elmer, Mrs. A. M. Porter.

Wethersfield — Rev. and Mrs. W. P. Elsdon, Mrs. Hannah Rider.

White Hills — Rev. G. Carlisle Sauer.

Willimantic — Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Lemon, Dr. E. G. Sumner, Mrs. James Harries, Mrs. N. W. French, Mrs. Edwin Bugbee.

Winsted — Rev. A. W. Clark, Miss May O. Beach, Miss Anna E. Norton.

Woodstock, West — Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Atherton.

Woodstock, South — Rev. and Mrs. L. J. Bamberg, Miss Grace Chapman.

Yalesville — Rev. and Mrs. E. R. Perkins, W. T. McKenzie.

85 Churches; 285 delegates.

BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTER.

Ashford Association.

TOWNS.	SUPERINTENDENT.	SECRETARY.
Andover.....	Mary H. Brown.....	J. Vera Stearns.
Brooklyn.....	Frank Chapman.....	Nettie Wright.
Danielson.....	H. C. Warren.....	H. E. Burton.
Eastford.....	S. C. Simmons.....	Mrs. S. D. Simmons.
Mansfield.....	Frank N. Slate.....	Mabel Slate.
Putnam.....	F. A. Hopkins.....	Charlotte A. Hopkins.
Stafford.....	F. L. Batchelder.....	Mrs. E. E. Warren.
Thompson Center.....	John D. Converse.....	Bertha E. Ballard.
Thompson East.....	Arod Ormsbee.....	Jennie Mills.
Warrenville.....	Z. B. Bicknell.....	Mrs. R. H. Wright.
Westford.....	A. G. Barlow.....	Mrs. J. Walls.
Willimantic.....	Fayette Goss.....	Arthur N. Potter.
Willington.....	Chas. H. Brown.....	Daisy H. Dimock.
“ South.....	Wm. H. Brackett.....	Hester Hall.
Woodstock.....	Henry Richmond.....	A. F. Clarke.
“ South.....	Arthur Williams.....	A. O. Williams.

Fairfield Association.

Bridgeport, First.....	Louis S. Morris.....	Burpee E. Shaw.
“ German.....	Henri Gelan.....	Charles Wolf, Jr.
“ Immanuel.....	Hartley Williams.....	Miss Lillian Luckey.
“ Messiah.....	B. R. Chandler.....	Vincent Washington.
“ Swede.....	S. Swanson.....	A. H. Nilson.
“ E. Wash. av.....	Frank G. Finney.....	Annie L. Manson.
Danbury.....	Frank D. Stanley.....	Irving I. Andrews.
Easton.....	John L. Tyler.....	G. Burr Tucker.
New Canaan.....	John A. Weed.....	Miss Katie Henry.
New Milford.....	W. C. Hine.....	Elizabeth Baldwin.
Norwalk, First.....	Herman Fancher.....	Fanton Beers.
“ Calvary.....	L. W. Wars.....	Mrs. L. W. Wars.
Rowayton.....	Wm. Stevens.....	E. H. Evory.
South Norwalk	Fred T. Lyon.....	Irving Finch.
E. Norwalk Branch.....	Calvin Smith.....	Elizabeth Smith.
Stamford.....	J. W. Davis.....	H. G. Quimby.
Stepney.....	Eugene H. Botsford.....	Blanche Purdy.
Stratfield.....	H. W. Wilson.....	Julian B. Wilson.
Stratford.....	Thomas Jefferson.....	E. Williams.
White Hills.....	Mrs. S. G. Surridge.....	Mrs. Eugene Werder.

Hartford Association.

Bantam.....	Edgar F. Wedge.....	Augusta Stansback.
Bloomfield.....	E. C. Henn.....	E. C. Fowler.
Bristol.....	W. R. Strong.....	W. T. Smith.
Colebrook, North.....	Mrs. D. F. Beebe.....	Mrs. E. C. Bunnell.
" South.....	J. A. Moore.....	Marilla Moore.
Cornwall, East.....	R. F. Thompson.....	
" Hollow.....	L. M. Ocain.....	Grace Yale.
Hartford, Asylum Ave..	Chas. Edw. Prior.....	Lyman Hathaway.
" First.....	E. B. Boynton.....	W. D. Johnson.
" Memorial.....	H. N. Dickinson.....	Charles W. Even.
" Olivet.....	Guy B. Turner.....	Chas. H. Paddock.
" South.....	F. W. Parmelee.....	Geo. M. Smith.
" Union.....		
" Shiloh.....		
New Britain, First.....	L. S. Johnson.....	Horace W. Eddy.
" German... ..	Christian Erb.....	Karl Bellmann.
" Swede.....	A. G. Sundling.....	Oscar Kolih.
New Hartford.....	James E. Stanley.....	Mrs. Minnie Tuttle.
Plainville.....	Mrs. C. H. Bronson.....	Miss Jessie Goodrich.
Rockville.....	A. P. Wedge.....	L. B. Denley.
South Windsor.....	W. B. Parmelee.....	Nellie M. Treat.
Suffield, First.....	Vivian Linsley.....	Judson Rising.
" Second.....	F. B. Hathaway.....	Bessie Y. Fuller.
Tariffville.....	Wm. H. Pease.....	Charles Bartlett.
Torrington.....	Chas. H. Parker.....	Clara Adams.
West Hartford.....		Edward Adams.
Wethersfield.....	C. T. Eccleston.....	Miss Fannie Howard.
Winsted.....	F. W. Marsh.....	Anna E. Norton.

New Haven Association.

Ansonia, First.....	B. F. Leach.....	H. G. Fosdick.
" Macedonia.....	J. W. Lewis.....	G. W. Austin.
Branford.....	E. C. Johnson.....	J. E. Rogers.
Chester.....	S. E. Ackley.....	A. L. Osborne.
Clinton.....	E. R. Bacon.....	W. H. Kelsey, 2d.
Cromwell.....	E. T. Johnson.....	C. K. Ranney.
Deep River.....	O. H. Glover.....	Nelson Mather.
Essex.....	L. T. Parker.....	C. G. Waterhouse.
Haddam.....	Mrs. E. C. Ventris.....	
Meriden, First.....	F. T. Williams.....	L. H. Perkins.
" Park Ave.....	Robert Daybill.....	John Whitmore.
" Olive Branch...	A. J. Wright.....	E. M. Ives.
" German.....	F. Maronn.....	A. Stockburger.
" Main Street.....	A. H. Gardner.....	E. L. Robinson.
" Swede.....	D. Dahl.....	

Middletown.....	A. B. Ryan.....	G. L. Hayes.
Montowese.....	A. S. Barnes.....	A. S. Barnes.
New Haven, Calvary.....	Henry H. Taylor.....	Aro J. Ward.
“ First.....	Pierce N. Welch.....	Geo. Gillette.
“ German.....	Reinhart Ginter.....	W. Eichmann.
“ Grand Ave.....	J. P. Merrow.....	John M. Knight.
“ Hope.....	W. C. Avery.....	A. H. Buckingham.
“ Howard Ave.....	B. Crosby, Jr.....	L. H. Bram.
“ Immanuel.....	Rev. A. C. Powell.....	J. A. Dudley.
“ Olivet.....	J. Kallgreen.....	Herman Berg.
“ Swede.....	John A. Lundin.....	G. W. Erickson.
Plantsville.....	R. W. Cowles.....	A. Judson Hanna.
Seymour, German.....	Gotfr. Hildebrant.....	
Shelton.....	Edgar N. Barrett.....	Alice Rounds.
Southington.....	J. C. Breaker.....	Levi E. Southworth.
Wallingford.....	C. H. Brown.....	L. S. Johnson.
Waterbury, First.....	D. L. Smith.....	Louis Pichard.
“ German.....	Carl Weiss.....	Mary Scheck.
“ Second.....	R. G. Snagg.....	Wm. Bronneke.
Winthrop.....	Mrs. E. B. Elmer.....	Edgar G. Weed.
Yalesville.....	E. S. May.....	W. T. McKensie.

New London Association.

Bozrah.....	W. R. Browning.....	Grace J. Ford.
Colchester.....	L. C. Brown.....	Caroline Benson.
Fitchville.....	W. Robinson, Jr.....	Mrs. Jennie Phillips.
Haddam.....	Sidney S. Carter.....	Ida Stark.
Lake's Pond.....	W. H. H. Chappell.....	Nellie Dart.
Lebanon.....	N. C. Barker.....	Mrs. Ella M. Blanchard.
Lyme, East.....	Mrs. D. B. Richmond.....	Maggie Park.
“ North.....	G. H. Strong.....	May Leonard.
“ Old.....	E. D. Caulkins.....	Mrs. Hattie Marvin.
Montville.....	M. V. B. Brainard.....	Mrs. W. I. Browning.
New London, First.....	Henry D. Stanton.....	A. W. Barrows.
“ Huntg'n St.....	W. M. Slocum.....	Almeda Cowles.
“ Shiloh.....	F. D. Randell.....	N. S. Jones.
Niantic.....	Curtis Smith.....	Grace J. Beckwith.
Norwich, Central.....	C. Edw. Smith.....	R. R. Wilcox.
“ First.....	W. R. Cowan, Jr.....	Mrs. H. R. Sargent.
“ Mt. Calvary.....	P. T. Young.....	Idella Scott.
“ Third.....	A. B. Maine.....	Henry Anderson.
Quaker Hill.....	L. A. Comstock.....	Jennie Comstock.
Salem.....	J. S. Cranston.....	Mrs. F. Rathbone.
Scott Hill.....	G. H. Morgan.....	E. W. Chappell.
Waterford.....	C. H. Peabody.....	Park B. Smith.

Stonington Union Association.

Groton Center.....	Geo. M. Daboll.....	H. B. Chapman.
“ First.....	Simeon Gallup.....	Clara C. Bennett.
“ Heights.....	David Bosworth.....	Catharine Waterman.
Jewett City.....	Fred. S. Campbell.....	James B. Palmer, Jr.
Laurel Glen.....	J. C. Richardson.....	Mrs. N. P. Main.
Lantern Hill.....	Hattie B. Main.....	Julius E. Main.
Mystic Union.....	Wm. H. Smith.....	E. B. Seamans.
Noank.....	Robert Palmer.....	C. M. Chester.
N. Stonington, First.....	Elmer Coon.....	Sarah P. Palmer.
“ Second.....	H. F. York.....	Daisy Babcock.
“ Third.....	Wm. H. Hillard.....	T. W. Wheeler.
Packerville.....	James Butler.....	Miss M. B. Hopkins.
Plainfield Union.....	Alvah Prince.....	H. A. Roberts.
Poquonock Bridge.....	Cyrus Avery.....	Minnie Worden.
Preston City.....	Thomas P. Norman.....	Fannie F. Fitch.
Quiambaug.....	J. H. Wilcox.....	J. H. Wilcox.
Sterling.....	S. P. Greene.....	Albert Stanton.
Stonington, First.....	Erastus D. Smith.....	Mrs. Henry Clarke.
“ Third.....	Benj. F. Ross.....	
Voluntown.....	Rev. E. Dewhurst.....	Julia C. Fish.

STATISTICS
OF
CHURCHES AND SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

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CHURCHES IN ASHFORD ASSOCIATION.	When Or- ganized.	Pastors and Date of Settlement.	Clerks.	INCREASE.			DECREASE.			Loss.	PRESENT CONDITION.		SUNDAY-SCHOOL.			Value Church Property Free of debt.				
				Baptism.	Letter.	Ex- pence.	Resto- ration.	Letter.	Bursar.		Kec- tion.	Death.	Gain.	Total En- rolled.	Men.		W'm.	Total Enrolled.	Average Attend- ance.	Added to Church.
Andover,.....	1826 F. J. Coops		'97 Edgar D. White,....	2	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....	49	10	23	55	15	.....	\$2,200	
Brooklyn,.....	1828 Edwin Bennett,		'88 Theo. D. Pond,....	4	1	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	1	.....	123	33	49	136	29	4	.....	7,500
Danielson,.....	1874 B. U. Hatfield,		'96 K. A. Darble,....	8	12	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	6	13	215	41	105	235	121	8	.....	12,000
Eastford,.....	1794 T. P. Briggs,		'94 A. T. Allen,....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	66	14	22	.....	.....	.....	3,000
Manusfield,.....	1809 Leonard Smith,		'88 L. J. Storrs,....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	98	25	40	.....	.....	.....	3,100
Punam,.....	1847 A. W. Hand,		'87 Louis E. Law,....	7	2	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	2	.....	405	91	171	238	21	.....	.....	2,925
Stafford,.....	1809 F. L. Batchelder,		'86 N. M. J. Thresher,....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	1	53	15	25	89	44	.....	2,500
Thompson, Center,	1846 S. L. A. Ives,		'88 S. Ballard,....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	105	26	44	118	42	.....	.....	9,000
Thompson, East,	1846 Samuel Thatcher,		'94 A. T. Bick,....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	32	14	18	56	30	.....	2,500
Warrenville,.....	1848 G. C. Chappell,		'94 Z. B. Bicknell,....	2	3	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....	77	27	30	137	38	8	.....	3,600
Westford,.....	1884 T. P. Briggs,		'97 A. G. Barlow,....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	45	13	18	34	20	.....	.....	2,500
Willimantic,.....	1828 J. Bunyan Lemon,		'91 W. N. Potter,....	22	2	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	2	12	448	99	210	283	189	21	.....	24,000
Willington,.....	1828 Charles H. Brown,		'90 Leonard Johnson,....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	87	15	43	42	.....	.....	.....	3,000
Woodstock, West,.....	1794 Warren L. A'herton,		'97 Jude P. Gage,....	4	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	16	14	30	42	.....	.....	.....	4,000
Woodstock, South,.....	1794 L. J. Bambers,		'97 Arthur Williams,....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	54	10	20	48	18	.....	.....	3,500
Totals, Churches 15,.....		Pastors,.....14	.....	47	27	.....	1	23	6	1	34	13	1,919	447	844	1,549	693	42	.....	\$114,075
Tot'l's, 1866, Churches 15,.....		Pastors,.....11	.....	32	17	3	2	30	7	5	30	.....	18,1846	368	719	1,347	744	23	.....	\$113,350

FINANCIAL TABLES.

CHURCHES IN ASHFORD ASSOCIATION.	HOME EXPENSES.				BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.										Money raised for all Pur- poses.
	Church.	School.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Woman's Home Missions.	Woman's Foreign Missions.	Young People's Bible and Publ'n Society.	Minister- ial Edu- cation.	Min. and Wid. Fed.	Support of Church and Home.	Other Objects.	S. School Benev- olence.	Total Benev- olence.	
Andover,.....	\$400.00	\$8.04	\$9.75	\$7.50	\$18.50	\$6.00	\$5.00	\$9.40					\$9.00	\$28.75	\$436.79
Barnum,.....	719.00	36.56	7.50	15.00	8.50									48.95	628.15
Danville,.....	1,635.00	138.08	50.37	74.84	15.00			\$102.75			\$20.65			410.91	2,224.94
Eastford,.....	336.82	15.00	20.00	9.00	12.00									85.00	386.82
Mansfield,.....	501.50	15.45	16.00	9.00	12.00	36.75	27.50	9.00					13.85	123.60	640.36
Putnam,.....	2,076.84	106.60	219.65	92.50	230.45	120.00	68.00	85.00	\$78.83	\$14.70	32.37	\$37.50	48.50	1,077.00	3,301.04
Stafford,.....	394.79		6.00	11.00	16.00	15.25	21.50					36.75		1,077.00	3,301.04
Thompson, Center,.....	1,245.56	25.00	12.81	20.35	23.31	16.42	22.53		9.08					1,077.00	3,301.04
Thompson, East,.....	302.00	16.02					7.00							111.80	1,394.29
Warrenville,.....	394.50	12.66	6.00			12.00	12.00		2.00			7.10	3.00	111.80	1,394.29
Westford,.....	153.60	11.45	2.00	2.00	3.00									42.10	449.26
Willington,.....	2,514.57	130.59	35.61	50.00	70.50	33.00	55.44	33.30	8.50		54.65	59.02	13.84	403.86	3,048.02
Willington, West,.....	900.63	7.82	12.00	10.50	15.50	14.00	14.50	12.00	5.00			10.50		94.00	1,002.34
Woodstock,.....	333.50	7.79			4.75	7.75	10.00							31.05	408.34
Woodstock, South,.....	221.00	7.75		6.75		5.00	5.00						28.00	52.50	291.25
Totals,.....	\$12,312.00	\$551.71	\$300.57	\$299.99	\$564.91	\$156.17	\$258.47	\$136.70	\$114.75	\$14.70	\$173.87	\$140.87	\$129.79	\$2,384.32	\$15,346.02
Totals, 1896,.....	\$11,035.50	\$540.95	\$300.62	\$194.60	\$181.98	\$272.52	\$386.52	\$201.37	\$201.17	54.24	\$214.57	\$307.79	\$128.71	\$2,097.97	\$14,137.35

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CHURCHES IN FAIRFIELD ASSOCIATION.	When Or- ganized.	Pastors and Date of Settlement.	Clerks.	INCREASE.				DECREASE.				PRESENT CONDITION.				SUNDAY-SCHOOL.			Value Church Property Free of Debt.	
				Baptism.	Letter.	Export- ence.	Restora- tion.	Letter.	Furniture.	Exclu- sion.	Death.	Gain.	Loss.	Total En- rolled.	Res. Membs.		Total Enrolled.	Average Attend- ance.		Added to Church.
															Men.	W'm.				
Bridgeport, First,.....	1837	Geo. W. Nicholson,	'84 George H. Noble,...	43	28	6	1	11		2	6	58		528			406	250	26	\$92,500
" " German,.....	1887	Henry Gehl,	'86 Henry Gehl, ..	11				1		4	2	6		34	12		38	24		8,700
" " Immanuel,.....	1880	Henry Williams,	'86 Henry Williams, ..					1		1		1		74	15	35	137	70		4,400
" " Messiah,.....	1882	W. N. Morton,	'89 Fred. A. Stevens, ..	9	2	1		1		8	1	13		75	26	49	70	48		6,000
" " Swedish,.....	1882	O. A. Seabolt,	'97 P. A. Chellstrom, ..	11	6	2	1	12		3	1	21		192						6,000
" " E. Wash. Ave.,.....	1874	Geo. D. Reid,	'96 J. Franklin Cox, ..	35	16	2	1	20		3	2	34		252	63	162	223	150	21	18,000
Danbury, Second,.....	1790	A. C. Hubbard, D.D.,	'98 M. L. Barber, ..	2	2	1	1	5		6	5	15		512			242	200	2	108,000
Easton,.....	1831	W. M. Weeks,	'87 John A. Weed, ..	3	4	1		1				1		88	20	40	61	24		4,500
New Canaan,.....	1833	J. B. Ritters,	'87 John A. Weed, ..	2								3		61			62	29	2	3,500
New Milford,.....	1814	C. S. Ramsay,	'86 S. Conch, ..											17	39	94	45	2		2,600
Norwalk,.....	1837	L. W. Warr,	'87 Jessie W. Head, ..											13	3	10	33	25		
Norwalk, First,.....	1857	L. W. Robbins,	'87 David Willers, ..	3	3			2		1	3	3		382			189	90		15,000
Roxbury,.....	1859	C. H. Sherwood,	'93 H. M. Waterbury, ..	10	3	1		18		3	5	17		497			350	125	7	3,700
South Norwalk,.....	1733	C. L. Roades,	'92 H. M. Waterbury, ..	5	1			4		2	1	10		49			252	135		60,000
Stamford,.....	1859	R. O. Sherwood,	'95 Wm. Stokes, ..	8	1			4		1	1	3		105			87	46		1,900
Union,.....	1888	W. O. Harris,	'96 Burr Hawley, ..	8	1									42			85	43		5,300
Stepney,.....	1848	F. P. Braman,	'98 Isaac B. Wilson, ..	5	1	2	1	1		1	10	1	8	37	19	18	42	15	2	9,000
Stratfield,.....	1751	H. W. Wilson,	'94 E. Williams, ..	5	1	2	1	1		1	1	10		42			71	34	9	1,500
Stratford,.....	1878	Moses Taylor,	'95 Geo. W. Drew, ..	9	3															2,000
White Hills,.....	1838	G. Carlie Sauer,																		
Totals, Churches, 20.....		Pastors,.....	19	166	74	19	8	86	70	36	41	*31		*3,335			2,512	1,450	71	\$950,125
Totals, Churches, 20.....		Pastors,.....	20	130	116	17	7	73	70	18	50	58		*3,324			2,771	1,437	88	\$492,300

* Discrepancy not accounted for.

FINANCIAL TABLES.

CHURCHES IN FAIRFIELD ASSOCIATION.	HOME EXPENSES.		BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.												Money raised for all Pur-poses.	
	Church.	School.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Woman's Home Missions.	Woman's Foreign Missions.	Young People's Ben. Vce.	Bible and Publ'n Society.	Ministerial Education.	Missionaries and H. and W. Wid.	Support of Church and Poor.	Other Objects.	S. School.		Total Benevolence.
Bridgeport, First.....	\$6,855.43	\$468.64	\$850.00	\$240.93	\$186.08	\$157.89	\$102.61	\$900.00	\$2.05	\$125.00	\$64.50	\$94.50	\$390.02	\$57.88	\$2,426.71	\$9,765.78
" German.....	315.34	40.31	8.00	16.00	5.00	15.00	7.00			5.00	5.00	19.50			111.56	407.21
" Immanuel.....	551.00	41.31											5.84		5.84	596.15
*1,078.50	551.00	40.00	15.00		9.00							3.25	31.16		58.41	1,176.91
" Messiah.....	1,098.37	85.00	10.00	10.00	32.60				14.00	13.00		53.26	151.20		284.06	1,468.43
" Swedish.....	2,006.00	214.45	21.95	31.18	42.35				2.05	23.66		51.33	9.07	10.00	195.09	2,415.54
" E. Wash. Av.....	9,134.30	246.00	41.00	90.00	66.00	30.00	35.00		16.50	14.00	12.00	49.00	63.27		370.77	9,757.07
Danbury, Second.....	658.00	15.00	6.35	5.00	6.50	7.50	7.50	3.25			3.00				40.50	675.00
Easton.....	619.30	78.87	15.00	2.75	2.50	2.00	3.50							1.50	688.07	619.30
New Milford.....	619.30	78.87	15.00	2.75	2.50	2.00	3.50								17.75	637.07
New Milford.....	500.00	5.00	1.00	13.50	38.50	30.00	33.00					5.00			143.84	500.00
Norwalk, Calvary.....	2,275.17	137.19	6.80	82.40	75.00								10.24	11.00	164.20	2,566.49
Rowayton.....	900.00	78.00			10.00						30.00		3.00		33.00	1,011.00
South Norwalk.....	4,139.69	287.88	37.21	65.75	150.28	63.38	43.68	20.78					64.57	41.81	22.02	522.38
Stamford.....	4,703.69	208.24	238.00	203.31	221.73	80.65	276.79	234.05	85.36	10.00	25.64	322.00	431.89	153.68	2,399.59	7,370.83
" Union.....	776.75			10.00						48.70					58.70	835.45
Stepney.....	725.50	20.58	14.00				26.72				14.50			24.65	94.57	843.65
Stratfield.....	802.00	80.85		14.70	10.00	14.82	23.87	23.88				18.00			105.67	988.62
Stratford.....	270.00	10.00		50						.50					2.00	282.00
White Hills.....	650.00	10.00	7.50	5.00							5.00	3.70	5.00		26.20	686.20
Totals.....	\$98,623.78	\$2,211.17	\$1,279.71	\$822.92	\$849.04	\$401.65	\$504.27	\$908.06	\$119.9	\$239.70	\$119.64	\$942.65	\$1,194.86	\$281.73	\$9,069.84	\$47,856.09
Totals, 1896.....	\$96,217.57	\$1,317.30	\$281.56	\$498.77	\$620.39	\$377.96	\$620.30	\$110.72	\$31.1	\$150.35	\$97.85	\$865.89	\$1,576.75	\$307.18	\$5,640.48	\$42,932.95

* Including interest, etc.

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES AND SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

CHURCHES IN HARTFORD ASSOCIATION.	When Or- ganized.	Pastors and Date of Settlement.	Clerks.	INCREASE.			DECREASE.			PRESENT CONDITION.			SUNDAY-SCHOOL.		Value of Church Property Free of Debt.		
				Baptism	Letter.	Export- ation.	Restora- tion.	Letter.	Excom- muni- cation.	Death.	Gain.	Total En- rolled.	Men.	W'm.		Total Enrolled.	Average Atten- danc- e.
Baniam.....	1850	Cornelius Malley,	'97 Edgar F. Wedge,	2	4	3	...	...	...	54	5	14	36	16	\$2,500
Bloomfield.....	1786	T. G. Wright, S. S.,	F. W. Griswold,	...	4	1	...	...	...	9	6	9	14	20	6,000
Bristol.....	1791	John S. Lyon,	Roswell Atkins,	74	2	1	...	...	...	422	119	250	144	44	25,000
Colebrook, North.....	1794	...	Orrin W. Olds,	...	...	2	1	...	...	4	11	3	18	14	1,500
Corwall, East.....	1848	G. W. Remington,	J. A. Moore,	...	...	10	...	...	...	6	53	10	28	18	2,000
Corwall, West.....	1857	Cornelius Malley,	Ralph H. Tibbels,	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	32	3	5	1,000
Hartford, Hollow.....	1848	Cornelius Malley,	Laurette M. O'Connell,	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	207	94	163	158	1,000
Hartford, Asylum Ave.....	1872	G. M. Stone, D.D.,	Wilbur M. Stone,	5	7	2	3	3	3	...	631	165	380	564	54,000		
" First.....	1790	Harold Pattison,	Curtis P. Gladding,	25	28	4	2	18	16	4	263	89	160	290	100,000		
" Memorial.....	1884	H. M. Thompson,	A. O. Dole,	1	21	4	11	5	4	26	...	46	16	30	20,000		
" Olivet.....	1896	Arthur W. Smith,	G. B. Turner,	3	2	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	4,000
" Shiloh.....	1840	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	134	...	...	...	...
" South.....	1834	Frank Dixon,	Oliver H. Ham,	21	10	1	15	3	11	3	567	185	304	...	77,500		
" Swede.....	1859	Nils Ek,	Edward Erickson,	2	13	...	2	11	...	...	5	58	20	30	1,900
" Union.....	1878	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	168	...	...	...	...
New Britain, First.....	1808	John Henry Strong,	W. F. Walker,	2	14	...	1	27	...	...	46	123	251	470	81,000
" German.....	1825	Herman von Berge,	A. F. Eichstaedt,	...	...	...	...	4	1	...	103	30	55	80	5,000
" Swede.....	1825	Wm. Johnson,	Edward Peterson,	3	3	...	3	6	5	1	83	20	31	45	37	6,534	
New Hartford, Centre.....	1830	C. N. Nichols,	James E. Stanley,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	72	22	25	4,500
" Plainville.....	1852	J. C. Duncanson,	A. H. Condel,	6	1	3	...	1	...	...	32	...	...	...	...
" Rainbow.....	1875	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	108	25	60	128	12,000
Rockville.....	1829	A. T. Wedge,	Levi Leonard,	3	3	...	3	160	18	31	72	40	8,000	
South Windsor.....	1821	L. B. Curtis,	Henry Holman,	12	1	...	1	1	91	35	56	46	20	5,500	
" Second.....	1760	Harvey Linsley,	E. E. Hastings,	442	150	250	131	97	29,500	
Tariffville.....	1825	Geo. F. Gunning D.D.,	M. H. Smith,	3	9	...	13	4	64	20	28	68	30	5,000	
Torrington.....	1829	Wm. H. Johnson,	J. A. Allison,	5	7	11	60	35	31	147	72	14	
West Hartford.....	1860	P. S. Evans,	Mrs. Mary S. Parker,	14	14	2	...	1	29	8	39	15	24	26	20	6,000	
Wethersfield.....	1867	N. M. Leonard, S. S.,	Chas. Millard,	1	1	4	...	4	5	8	25	54	30	8,000	
" Wethersfield.....	1788	W. P. Eison,	Mrs. Alice Bailey,	178	4	102	225	103	7,000	
" Wethersfield.....	1850	A. W. Clark,	G. C. Hagar,	9	5	...	1	2	
Totals, Churches, 30.....	...	Pastors, 30.....	...	218	156	19	9	130	60	24	60	4,638	1,800	2,412	3,173	1,819	\$488,634
Totals, 1896, Churches, 30.....	...	Pastors, 30.....	...	160	166	20	8	117	27	15	41	4,570	1,352	2,551	2,904	1,719	\$498,891

FINANCIAL TABLES.

HOME EXPENSES.		BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.										Money raised for all Purposes.			
Church.	School.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Woman's Home Missions.	Woman's Foreign Missions.	Young People's Ben'v Socy.	Bible and Pub'n Society.	Ministerial Education.	Men's and Wid. Ed'n.	Support of Church and Home.	Other Objects.	S. School.	Total Salience.	
Bantam,.....	\$296.00	\$13.00	\$5.00	\$13.75	\$14.35		\$40.00	\$5.50	\$4.50	\$45.00	\$1.32	\$0.35	\$4.53	\$8.00	\$100.00
Bloomfield,.....	431.28	17.00	5.85	137.79	75.00	\$93.00						8.71	23.00	570.77	4,887.83
Brighton,.....	4,073.00	192.21	60.95												143.30
Colchester, North,.....	138.06	5.11													110.00
South,.....	105.00	5.00													200.31
Cornwall, East,.....	173.00	13.72	4.75			2.50		9.84						13.59	84.25
Hollow,.....	73.25		5.00						1.00	4.00				1.00	
Hartford, As'n in Av.,.....	*17,825.00	173.76	162.00	152.00	165.00	103.00	75.00		50.51	10.00	36.57	294.00	50.00	1,086.00	19,084.76
First,.....	6,543.78	428.30	110.00	116.00	153.00	97.16	140.00	100.00	32.00	665.00	565.00	1,936.00	139.77	3,974.93	10,946.41
Memorial,.....	2,335.00		32.50		35.50	12.18			18.00	4.00	62.00	290.79		450.07	2,805.07
Olivet,.....	27.00	82.50	13.04	19.79	17.06	7.67			13.00	17.27	10.50	2.55	11.32	127.26	519.05
Shiloh,.....	421.79						11.64								
South,.....															
Sweden,.....		146.91	163.31	131.91			12.00		133.91	65.25	177.78	797.00		1,628.07	1,628.07
Sweden,.....	*1,168.00		5.00		21.54				3.90			57.75		98.19	1,396.25
New Britain, First,.....	5,305.00	350.71	236.62	172.12	172.12	83.36	70.63		51.50		97.55	15.35	82.47	961.22	6,636.93
German,.....	868.60	30.00	6.05	26.25	21.30				21.70	7.00	63.00	2.25	16.00	161.35	1,063.95
Sweden,.....	656.90	46.36	5.88	18.08							86.06			692.03	705.08
New Hartford,.....	400.15	27.85	6.00	1.00	3.00								5.50	17.23	535.35
Plainville,.....	885.00	82.10		8.00	8.00	19.00	25.00	1.75					6.00	70.00	1,087.10
Rainbow,.....									4.00						
Rockville,.....	1,154.58		27.00	10.00	10.00	15.00	3.00		10.00		8.00		10.00	108.00	1,262.58
South Windsor,.....	754.80	40.00		18.00	22.00	13.00	8.00		10.00	3.50			11.50	111.15	906.04
Sunfield, First,.....	851.50		23.00	40.00	158.00	6.00		84.15	1.00			7.60	5.00	274.75	1,126.25
Second,.....	8,055.00	58.91	44.00	149.00	121.00	148.05	144.37	31.15	14.69	14.50	158.40	125.63	90.00	1,035.49	4,149.40
Tariffville,.....	657.00	12.00	10.00	11.48	8.00			26.03					5.00	43.48	712.48
Torrington,.....	1,456.07	96.98	25.00			7.50								40.00	1,593.05
West Hartford,.....															
West Hartford,.....	1,863.50		1.00	1.00				2.86						4.85	483.50
Winsted,.....	1,639.00	87.58	12.26	8.09	17.57	12.30	19.50	50.75	3.16	1.17	11.89		10.00	155.65	1,873.53
Totals,.....	\$53,107.51	\$1,701.59	\$1,141.21	\$1,093.16	\$1,135.25	\$504.72	\$617.42	\$684.17	\$194.46	\$449.87	\$3,431.90	\$3,431.90	\$470.89	\$11,000.02	\$65,900.22
Totals, 1896,.....	\$38,866.79	\$1,982.41	\$970.86	\$903.85	\$1,329.52	\$683.95	\$748.97	\$693.31	\$189.32	\$963.47	\$2,210.29	\$2,210.29	\$543.26	\$8,554.40	\$47,457.20

† Home expenses not reported.

‡ Includes payment on lot, \$688.

* Includes \$13,020 on enlargement

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES AND SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

CHURCHES IN NEW HAVEN ASSOCIATION.	When Or- ganized.	Pastors and Date of Settlement.	Clerks.	INCREASE.			DECREASE.			PRESENT CONDITION.			SUNDAY-SCHOOL.		Value Church Property Free of Debt.			
				Baptism.	Letter. Kerpe- rence.	Restora- tion.	Letter.	Exclu- sion.	Death.	Gain.	Loss.	Total En- rolled.	Rea. Mem- bers.	Total En- rolled.		Average Attend- ance.		
Ansonia, First.....	1873	W. D. McKinney.....	'84	W. H. Fielding.....	26	4	3	6	12	25	416	127	223	398	22	\$28,000		
" ".....	1890	Edward Johnson.....	'90	G. W. Austin.....	1	5	1	1	1	10	109	43	62	125	70	4,325		
Branford.....	1858	W. E. Beech.....	'96	W. E. Williams.....	2	3	1	8	5	4	177	53	66	126	1	8,000		
Chester.....	1882	H. M. Ives.....	'96	H. E. Stevens.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	124	33	58	132	2	13,600		
Cromwell.....	1797	R. H. Sherman.....	'93	A. H. Stevens.....	3	1	1	6	1	1	105	19	41	90	61	7,900		
Deep River.....	1802	Walter V. Gray.....	'97	Arthur Boardman.....	8	1	1	1	1	2	224	89	140	186	9	7,000		
Danbury.....	1800	Geo. H. Gardner.....	'96	O. H. Glover.....	10	8	1	1	1	15	214	59	112	127	70	15,750		
Essex.....	1811	W. P. Chipman, D.D.,	'92	E. C. Williams.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	214	59	112	127	70	9,500		
Haddam.....	1822	W. G. Fennell.....	'95	S. S. Gilbert.....	2	2	5	1	1	1	39	8	20	27	18	5,000		
Meriden, First.....	1786	W. G. Fennell.....	'95	John Hunter.....	55	12	2	6	1	55	579	278	190	465	44	20,000		
" ".....	1873	Emil Berger.....	'95	John Hunter.....	10	1	2	8	1	1	107	35	70	102	75	8,000		
" ".....	1881	E. W. Husted.....	'97	John Hunter.....	17	1	1	8	1	1	366	100	200	324	21	44,500		
" ".....	1887	T. C. Clapp.....	'93	Erik Johnson.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	57	35	52	50	45	7,300		
Middletown.....	1705	Raymond Maplesden.....	'96	John L. Larkin.....	35	14	5	12	1	3	68	17	30	35	20	18,900		
Montrose.....	1811	Geo. B. Critten.....	'97	John L. Larkin.....	6	1	1	1	1	1	828	970	448	711	447	11,500		
New Haven, Calvary.....	1871	Ed. M. Poter, D.D.,	'88	Leslie Monthrop.....	60	21	2	3	38	2	636	259	365	247	105	110,000		
" ".....	1816	Addison Moore.....	'97	S. C. Whiting.....	8	7	3	6	1	1	72	86	111	125	120	22,000		
" ".....	1883	F. W. C. Meyer.....	'88	J. F. Ingold.....	13	73	4	6	1	2	355	112	190	306	225	22,950		
Grand Ave.....	1871	E. C. Sage, Ph.D.,	'89	Richard F. Green.....	14	13	1	6	1	1	355	112	190	306	225	21,000		
Hope.....	1890	Joseph A. Elder.....	'93	Miss L. M. Scranton.....	6	13	1	4	1	2	136	40	88	236	136	15,000		
" ".....	1891	D. W. Stoddard.....	'97	C. E. Lester.....	No re- cord	ur F	1	1	1	13	150	57	98	175	75	3,000		
" ".....	1845	A. C. Powell.....	'98	Geo. Sanisbury.....	30	10	2	6	1	42	238	90	148	113	78	17,000		
" ".....	1882	Wm K. Foster.....	'95	G. W. Erickson.....	6	5	2	1	1	3	153	54	99	328	176	5,000		
" ".....	1882	P. J. Liljehgren.....	'95	J. Bond.....	6	5	2	1	1	3	153	54	99	328	176	5,000		
Plainville.....	1872	E. B. Elmer.....	'95	G. K. Hull.....	6	5	2	1	1	3	153	54	99	328	176	5,000		
Saybrook, Windsor P.O.....	1744	E. B. Elmer.....	'95	G. K. Hull.....	6	5	2	1	1	3	153	54	99	328	176	5,000		
Seymour, German.....	1888	C. A. Schlipf.....	'97	L. Hoffman.....	14	6	5	3	1	24	119	31	61	149	67	5,500		
Shelton.....	1882	F. D. Ludington.....	'96	James L. Glover.....	8	2	8	9	1	6	146	48	84	162	125	3	12,568	
Southington.....	1738	J. C. Breaker.....	'91	Chas. A. Cadwell.....	4	1	1	8	1	2	346	110	163	250	30	24,000		
Wallingford.....	1817	F. E. Marble.....	'90	Howard James.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	40	15	25	70	60	1,800		
Waterbury, First.....	1803	Parry.....	'97	Henry F. Sanford.....	10	1	1	1	1	1	40	15	25	70	60	1,800		
" ".....	1841	C. A. Schlipf.....	'97	F. G. Reif.....	6	5	2	3	1	7	98	29	58	161	100	5,000		
" ".....	1894	E. A. Nichols.....	'92	Fred. C. Lowry.....	6	5	2	3	1	7	98	29	58	161	100	5,000		
" ".....	1876	E. R. Perkins.....	'95	W. A. Kendrick.....	1	1	1	1	1	6	89	31	30	100	57	3,100		
Totals, Churches, 34.....	Pastors,.....	30	329	149	40	11	187	158	17	86	13	6,973	4,209	152	\$562,883
Totals, Churches, 33.....	Pastors,.....	32	415	126	50	8	203	80	9	70	228	6,566	3,912	206	\$594,705

* Last year's figures.

† Including 2 mission schools.

FINANCIAL TABLES.

CHURCHES IN NEW HAVEN ASSOCIATION.	HOME EXPENSES.		BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.										Money Raised For all Pur- poses.				
	Church.	School.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Woman's Missions.	Woman's Missions.	Woman's Missions.	Young People's Soc'y.	Bible and Publ'n Society.	Minis- trial Ed- cation.	Men's and Wid. P'd and H'tne.	Support of Church of Poor.	Other Objects.	S. School Benev- olence.	Total Benev- olence.	Total Money Raised
Ansonia, First.,.....	\$2,631.15	\$191.50	\$100.00	\$68.55	\$100.00	\$25.00	\$38.75	\$98.58	\$65.25	16.71	\$88.57	\$95.35	\$3,473.94
" " " " " "	1,096.53	41.10	7.85	1,160.58
Branford,.....	632.40	68.40	755.42
Chester,.....	1,531.69	68.33	15.35	26.50	29.12	32.00	17.00	14.50	1,737.09
Clinton,.....	709.55	10.00	20.25	20.25	25.25	14.60	17.00	50.55	936.41
Coon,.....	1,482.00	62.00	1,544.00
Doon,.....	1,482.00	87.00	64.25	108.91	91.67	33.20	34.00	14.45	220.81	8.32	1,589.45
Essex,.....	1,350.00	55.69	69.50	76.68	4.00	38.28	22.80	40.00	1,432.25
Haddam,.....	521.00	9.00	530.00
Meriden, First.,.....	4,434.19	\$965.27	183.59	316.27	316.26	179.53	267.04	114.83	73.07	200.00	40.21	175.68	1,017.39	\$160.68	3,034.52	7,894.68
" " " " " "	1,178.31	81.23	5.00	21.50	12.00	10.00	10.00	20.00	20.00	1,368.14
" " " " " "	3,465.00	201.08	25.80	18.00	74.00	58.86	60.31	65.00	8.50	316.67	703.54	4,379.57	9,908.08
" " " " " "	775.83	48.00	20.00	25.00	848.83
Middletown,.....	2,130.21	342.07	38.80	8.80	83.80	31.50	28.00	60.00	8.00	171.28	31.00	2,352.86
Montwese,.....	644.62	61.09	7.64	16.15	13.25	661.91
New Haven, Calvary,.....	6,510.00	540.27	378.01	998.50	1,506.34	341.16	194.41	70.25	507.62	1,890.75	201.86	6,046.91	13,077.18
" " " " " "	1,630.00	51.07	388.00	52.00	462.35	11.15	127.57	45.56	6.90	615.30	1,630.71	160.00	4,187.78	9,977.78
" " " " " "	1,491.70	51.67	388.00	52.00	462.35	11.15	127.57	45.56	6.90	615.30	1,630.71	160.00	4,187.78	9,977.78
" " " " " "	2,491.70	51.67	388.00	52.00	462.35	11.15	127.57	45.56	6.90	615.30	1,630.71	160.00	4,187.78	9,977.78
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CHURCHES IN NEW LONDON ASSOCIATION.	When Or- ganized.	Pastors and Date of Settlement.	Clerks.	INCREASE.			DECREASE.				PRESENT CONDITION.			SUNDAY-SCHOOL.			Value Church Property Free of Debt.			
				Baptism.	Letter.	Expul- sion.	Restora- tion.	Letter.	Transfe- r.	Exclu- sion.	Death.	Gain.	Loss.	Total En- rolled.	Average Attend- ance.	Added to Church.				
Bozrah, Cheshirefield.	1831	C. H. Peckham,	'97 Lewis Ford,	16	..	..	..	..	..	1	15	..	66	53	6	62	26	6	\$2,500
Cotchester Brough.	1836	Frank Day,	'97 Jonathan Allen,	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	53	..	..	25	..	4,000
Scott's Hill.	1780	B. F. Nye, S. S.,	..	4	2	..	..	3	..	1	6	..	3	113	30	18	63	36	2,000
Fitchville.	1857	Robert E. Turner,	'92 Chas. H. Peckham,	11	1	1	1	..	10	..	3	52	13	19	95	56	12	2,500
Haddam (<i>Moodus P. O.</i>).	1810	Dabez Marshall,	'94 James E. Emmons,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	81	65	36	12	..	4,000
Lake's Pond.	1840	..	Gurdon C. Avery,	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	10	..	3	177	9	22	52	20	2,000
Lebanon.	1805	Robert E. Turner,	'92 Amos L. Babcock,	8	6	..	1	1	..	3	..	..	..	177	30	..	30	..	4,000
Lyme, East.	1759	H. E. Ward,	'94 L. E. Warous,	9	3	..	..	..	..	2	11	..	..	158	55	3	95	11	2,500
North.	1810	J. G. Ward,	'87 C. S. Jewett,	10	1	9	149	38	65	101	43	1	4,300
Old.	1823	J. C. Gavin,	'82 S. J. Smith,	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	135	51	84	140	86	7,000
Monrith.	1823	J. C. Hastings,	'92 Frank H. Rogers,	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	..	..	162	51	84	140	86	7,000
New London, First.	1824	F. C. Mabler,	'92 Joseph H. Tr.,	34	29	1	..	5	3	1	5	43	502	208	167	34	208	167	34	30,000
"	1840	J. R. Stabler,	'93 H. C. Fuller,	27	8	2	..	7	..	6	24	2	119	268	163	12	268	163	12	20,300
" Shiloh.	1804	T. L. Crocker,	'97 Mary F. Johnson,	1	1	412	268	162	40
Niantic.	1842	..	James A. Stanton,	1	8	2	4	14	174	306	160	75	100	75	..	8,600
Norwich.	1840	J. D. Herr, D.D.,	'91 Geo. A. Smith,	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	691	247	306	250	2	50,675
" First.	1800	H. E. Wise,	'97 Harry E. Comstock,	5	7	..	..	4	1	..	14	7	332	160	4	332	160	4	18,300
" Mt. Calvary.	1891	N. A. Marriott,	'93 P. T. Young,	4	2	..	..	8	5	2	1	4	170	85	70	85	70	7	1,850
" Third.	1845	..	Walter A. Hinkley,	8	1	2	3	2	5	2	1	4	174	35	65	15	1	..	7,140	
Quaker Hill.	1835	J. Chester Hyde,	'83 Mrs. L. A. Comstock,	2	2	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	193	50	92	101	4	4,900
Salem.	1767	James S. Cranston,	'96 Ichabod Stoddard,	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	337	8	13	95	1	2,000
Winchford, First.	1716	H. M. Wolf, Jr.,	'92 Jas. A. Gallup,	19	4	..	1	4	3	1	4	12	447	173	100	11	173	100	11	11,400
Totals.	Churches, 23	Pastors,	19	162	66	5	6	44	24	16	51	104	4,188	*3,000	*1,000	2,971	1,589	95	\$194,765	
Totals, 1906, Churches, 23	Pastors,	18	..	138	42	29	5	54	16	51	74	12	4,065	..	..	2,966	1,437	70	\$192,800

* Partly estimated.

FINANCIAL TABLES.

CHURCHES IN NEW LONDON ASSOCIATION.	HOME EXPENSES.		BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.										Money raised for all Pur- poses.		
	Church.	School.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Woman's Home Missions.	Woman's Foreign Missions.	Young People's Bible and Temple.	Missionary Society.	Ministerial Education and Home Missions.	Support of Church Poor.	Other Objects.	S. School Benev- olence.	Total Benev- olence.	Money raised for all Pur- poses.
Bozrah.....	\$550 00	\$5 25											\$7 00	\$7 00	\$562 25
Chesterfield.....	556 69	21 00												36 30	713 99
Colchester, Norwich.....	375 00	7 56				\$6 53	\$6 52	\$8 75			\$1 50	\$16 00	2 00		382 56
Fitchville, Scott's Hill,.....	600 00	25 00	\$3 00	\$2 00	\$2 00			\$2 00	\$5 00		7 00	13 00		33 00	638 00
Haddam, East (Moodus P. O.),.....	700 00	50 00	12 00	5 00	10 00							9 30		36 30	786 30
Lake's Pond,.....	700 00	31 00		3 00	3 00	2 50	2 50	16 80		10 00	25 00	20 00		90 80	811 80
Lebanon,.....	995 00	69 76	17 80	8 00	3 00	2 50	2 50	16 80		10 00		17 35	25 00	50 05	1 074 81
Lyme, East,.....	550 00	22 27	28 00	15 00	20 00	15 25	20 00	40 50		10 00		8 00	6 25	177 45	749 72
" North,.....	700 00	15 00	9 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	23 30	16 00			10 10	6 00	6 25	37 50	732 50
Montville, Union,.....	1,130 07	87 00	22 80	19 14	19 35	29 50	52 47	228 88	57 16	42 43	14 30	440 22	100 00	2,044 48	1,390 83
New London, First,.....	2,200 00	94 44	100 82	187 12	120 04	51 76	52 47	228 88		22 00	53 27	154 00	56 12	678 04	3,016 22
" Huntington St.,.....	384 66	48 00				38 51	38 07	198 47				3 00		3 00	449 66
" Sullivan,.....	1,165 00	36 32	9 04	5 84	10 02	7 25	13 50		1 07	1 67			2 29	55 65	1,256 87
Niantic,.....	5,826 08	169 54	150 00	145 00	140 00	85 00	178 50	164 03	50 00	75 00	50 00	1,251 00	60 69	2,616 72	8,612 64
Norwich, Central,.....	3,000 00	232 24				100 00	53 00				40 83		7 64	201 47	3,493 71
" First,.....	646 12	50 75			9 45	22 25		7 06			37 23		5 00	44 33	741 10
" Mt. Calvary,.....	700 00	43 00	8 41	10 27	9 45	22 25			10 44		5 75	10 55		89 18	854 18
" Third,.....	750 53	43 10	15 06	19 58	21 15	22 50	31 75	25 57	2 15	2 15	9 59	12 78		164 43	958 46
Quaker Hill,.....						2 50	2 00							4 50	628 70
Salem (Gardner Lake P. O.),.....	1,600 00	100 00			17 00	14 50	17 00	91 07			22 99	32 00		242 93	1,942 93
Watford, First,.....			43 87												
Totals,.....	\$27,917 70	\$1,311 81	\$469 80	\$444 95	\$430 01	\$387 05	\$309 27	\$808 13	\$148 42	\$146 25	\$104 86	\$590 28	\$2,183 11	\$294 24	\$36,010 90
Totals, 1896,.....	\$28,778 46	\$1,122 68	\$286 53	\$314 20	\$507 51	\$347 69	\$403 64	\$551 92	\$155 42	\$158 54	\$210 75	\$871 19	\$1,443 60	\$277 79	\$39,607 81

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CHURCHES IN STONINGTON UNION ASSOCIATION.	When Or- ganized.	Pastors and Date of Settlement.	Clerks.	INCREASE.			DECREASE.			Loss.	PRESENT CONDITION.			SUNDAY-SCHOOL.		Value Church Property Free of Debt.			
				Baptism.	Letter.	Excom- muni- cation.	Letter.	Resig- nation.	Excom- muni- cation.		Death.	Gain.	Total En- rolled.	Membs			Total Enrolled.	Average Attend- ance.	Added to Church.
														Men.	W m.				
Groton, First.....	1705	D. W. Phelps.	36 Simeon Gallup.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Groton Heights.....	1843	E. T. Miller.	80 J. Frank Edgcomb.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$8,290
Jewett City.....	1840	J. W. Payne.	80 J. E. Phillips.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13,000
Laurel Glen.....	1894	.....	Chas. P. Holdridge.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12,500
Ledyard.....	1849	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	500
Mystic Union.....	1765	Archibald Wheaton.	38 J. O. Fish.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Norfolk.....	1843	W. C. Martin.	94 Wm. A. Fraser.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
N. Stonington, First.....	1741	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Second.....	1765	J. K. Bucklyn, supply.	Elmer E. Coon.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Third.....	1827	Richard Kemp.	36 Orrin Chapman.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Packerville.....	1828	A. Robinson.	86 Chas. E. Hopkins.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Plainfield, Union.....	1792	S. W. Delzel.	32 Waldo Tillinghast.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Poquonock Bridge.....	1856	N. T. Allen.	32 S. Morgan.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Preston City.....	1812	C. Leavens Eldredge.	96 D. T. Richards.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sterling.....	1815	Justus Aldrich.	96 S. P. Green.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Stonington, First.....	1715	Henry Clarke.	91 E. E. Bradley.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Third.....	1856	.....	Stiles H. F. Ross.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Volmown.....	1822	E. Dewhurst.	58 C. P. Douglas.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals, Churches, 18.....	.....	Pastors,.....	43.....	39 21	1	3	35	67	1	55.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tot'ls, 1896, Churches, 18.....	Pastors,.....	42.....	380	43	29	4	50	59.....		

* Impossible to account for these discrepancies.

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CHURCHES IN STONINGTON UNION ASSOCIATION.	HOME EXPENSES.		BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.										Total Bene- volence.	Money raised for all Pur- poses.
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Groton, First,.....	\$951.00	\$77.10	\$32.50	\$98.28	\$43.27	\$5.00	\$15.00	\$7.00	\$20.00	\$5.00	\$8.98	\$47.96	*	\$1,263.50
Groton Heights,....	1,303.00	138.54	6.50	6.00	8.00	5.00	22.00	22.50	5.45	5.00	35.00	88.94		1,570.88
Jewett City,.....	1,081.69	92.66	21.70	24.47	63.03	41.30	36.01	45.38	27.88		13.09	40.50		1,181.95
Laurel Glen,.....		24.00	2.00											26.00
Ledyard,.....	2,280.38	193.37	69.50		165.37	81.93	176.13	48.51	50.00		96.94			3,420.82
Monk,.....	2,104.00	294.33		37.22	80.00	15.00	5.00		50.00					3,563.54
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STATISTICS OF CHURCHES AND SUNDAY-SCHOOLS — SUMMARY BY ASSOCIATIONS.

ASSOCIATIONS.	Churches.	Pastors.	INCREASE.		DECREASE.					PRESENT CONDITION.			SUNDAY-SCHOOL.		Value of Church Property Free of Debt.				
			Baptism.	Letter.	Export-ence.	Restora-tion.	Letter.	Emigre.	Recon-scion.	Death.	Gain.	Loss.	Total Enrolled.	Resident Members.		Total Enrolled.	Average Attendance.		
Ashford,.....	Churches, 15	Pastors, 14	47	27	...	1	23	6	1	34	13	...	1,019	447	844	1,549	693	42	\$114,075
Fairfield,.....	" 20	" 19	166	74	19	8	86	70	36	41	31	...	3,335	1,000	2,000	2,912	1,430	71	350,125
Hartford,.....	" 30	" 23	218	156	19	9	130	60	24	60	128	...	4,698	1,300	2,412	3,173	1,819	157	488,684
New Haven,.....	" 34	" 30	329	149	40	11	187	158	17	86	13	...	7,632	2,558	3,865	4,773	2,369	152	562,883
New London,.....	" 23	" 19	162	60	5	6	44	24	16	51	104	...	4,188	1,214	2,152	2,771	1,559	95	194,765
Stonington,.....	" 18	" 13	32	21	1	8	35	67	1	55	...	...	103	247	921	1,781	2,272	1,172	148,550
Totals,.....	Churches, 140	Pastors, 118	954	487	84	88	505	385	105	327	186	...	25,243	7,440	13,054	19,450	10,912	532	\$1,859,232

* Partly estimated.

FINANCIAL TABLES — SUMMARY BY ASSOCIATIONS.

ASSOCIATIONS.	HOME EXPENSES.		BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.												Money Raised for all Purposes.	
	Church.	School.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Woman's Missions.	Woman's Foreign Missions.	Young People's Benevolence.	Bible and Publication Society.	Ministerial Education.	Min't's and Wid's Aid.	Support of Church and Home.	Other Objects.	Sunday-School Benevolence.		Total Benevolence.
Ashford,	\$ 12,312.09	551.71	390.57	299.99	564.91	156.17	258.47	136.70	114.75	103.51	14.70	173.87	140.87	120.79	2,584.32	15,946.62
Fairfield,	35,623.78	2,161.17	1,270.71	892.92	849.04	401.65	504.27	308.06	119.99	239.76	140.64	842.65	1,134.86	281.73	9,069.84	47,896.09
Hartford,	52,451.91	1,701.59	1,141.21	1,098.16	1,155.25	504.72	617.42	164.17	191.46	440.87	201.49	1,319.60	3,431.90	470.89	11,490.02	65,243.52
New Haven,	58,955.65	3,637.67	1,563.41	2,578.50	3,640.33	3,948.47	1,226.77	693.48	154.89	516.13	101.63	2,928.05	8,684.90	1,258.64	24,406.99	88,245.63
New London,	27,917.70	1,311.81	463.80	444.95	430.01	387.05	439.21	803.13	148.42	146.25	134.88	599.28	2,183.10	204.24	6,780.29	36,010.90
Stonington,	14,729.05	1,221.12	192.69	286.23	566.72	320.50	375.81	214.30	40.40	182.48	12.00	331.51	873.63	.....	3,427.26	19,056.29
Totals,	\$ 204,901.08	10,575.07	5,437.39	5,490.75	7,206.25	3,118.56	3,451.95	2,288.84	1,742.91	1,688.00	616.24	5,794.96	16,454.26	2,435.49	57,358.13	\$ 759,111.11

HISTORIC RECORD.

The Connecticut Baptist Convention, originally styled "The General Convention of the Baptist Churches of the State of Connecticut and Vicinity," was first organized at Hartford in October, 1833. No annual sermon was provided for until the session of 1836.

DATE.	PLACE.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.	PREACHER.	TEXT.
1823	Hartford,	Asa Wilcox,	Augustus Bolles.		
1824	Middletown,	Asa Wilcox,	Albert Day.		
1825	Hartford,	Jonathan Goodwin,	Albert Day.		
1826	Wallingford,	Jonathan Goodwin,	Albert Day.	J. M. Peck.	
1827	Hartford,	Ashe! Morse,	Albert Day.	Ezek Brown.	
1828	Middletown,	Jonathan Goodwin,	Gurdon Robins,	B. M. Hill.	
1829	Hartford,	Rufus Babcock,	Gurdon Robins,	J. Cookson.	Rom. 12: 14.
1830	Mansfield,	Elisha Cushman,	Gurdon Robins,	P. Brockett,	Isa. 60: 1.
1831	Meriden,	Elisha Cushman,	Augustus Bolles,	G. Phippin,	Isa. 60: 1.
1832	Middletown,	Elisha Cushman,	Albert Day,	G. Robins,	Psalm 133: 1.
1833	Lebanon,	Elisha Cushman,	J. H. Linsley,	L. Kneeland,	2 Tim. 4: 5.
1834	Hartford,	Elisha Cushman,	A. Stanwood,	N. Wildman,	Isa. 43: 21.
1835	Middletown,	J. H. Linsley,	S. S. Mallory,	R. H. Neale,	Isa. 53: 1.
1836	Norwich,	J. Cookson,	William Palmer,	S. H. Cone,	Luke 7: 38.
1837	Hartford,	J. Cookson,	R. Turnbull,	J. Cookson,	Isa. 61: 11.
1838	New London,	J. Cookson,	B. Cook,	B. Cook,	Jude 3.
1839	New Haven,	J. H. Linsley,	H. Wooster,	R. Turnbull,	2 Cor. 5: 14, 15.
1840	Essex,	George Reed,	William Reid,	F. Wightman,	Matt. 24: 14.
1841	Hartford,	D. Ives,	J. S. Eaton,	R. Babcock,	John 4: 35-38.
1842	Middletown,	D. Ives,	J. S. Eaton,	T. C. Tensdale.	
1843	Norwich,	D. Ives,	E. Cushman,	J. Dowling,	Eph. 3: 10.
1844	New Haven,	A. Parker,	E. Savage,	D. Ives,	2 Cor. 5: 14, 15.
1845	New London,	J. S. Swan,	E. Savage,	A. Parker,	Num. 14: 21.
1846	Hartford,	J. S. Swan,	E. Cushman,	A. G. Palmer,	
1847	Deep River,	B. Turnbull,	E. Cushman,	J. S. Swan,	Num. 14: 8.
1848	Sutfield,	D. Ives,	E. Cushman,	E. Cushman,	1 John 5: 19.
1849	Bristol,	H. Miller,	E. Cushman,	E. T. Hiscok,	Heb. 6: 10.
1850	Danbury,	S. D. Phelps,	E. Cushman,	R. Turnbull,	Matt. 25: 40-45.
1851	Stonington,	E. T. Hiscok,	E. Cushman,	C. Willett,	Eph. 1: 3-6.
1852	New Haven,	J. S. Swan,	E. Cushman,	J. N. Murdock,	Luke 24: 24.
1853	Norwich,	William Reid,	E. Cushman,	S. D. Phelps,	Isa. 60: 3.
1854	Hartford,	J. N. Murdock,	E. Cushman,	H. Miller,	Matt. 10: 34-36.
1855	Meriden,	L. Lewis,	E. Cushman,	J. L. Hodge,	Gal. 2: 20.
1856	Middletown,	W. S. Clapp,	E. Cushman,	W. Reid,	Acts 1: 8.
1857	New London,	C. Willett,	E. Cushman,	A. D. Denison,	Phil. 2: 15.
1858	Southington,	D. Denison,	E. Cushman,	J. A. Bailey,	Psalm 130: 4.
1859	Hartford,	S. D. Phelps,	E. Cushman,	W. Fitz,	2 Cor. 4: 7.
1860	New Haven,	P. G. Wightman,	E. Cushman,	J. P. Brown,	2 Cor. 4: 4.
1861	Norwich,	D. Ives,	E. Cushman,	D. H. Miller,	Isa. 42: 4.
1862	Stamford,	J. P. Brown,	E. Cushman,	D. Ives,	1 Cor. 3: 6.
1863	Willimantic,	C. S. Weaver,	E. Cushman,	C. B. Crane,	1 Cor. 1: 39.
1864	Essex,	George Lovis,	E. Cushman,	G. M. Stone,	John 21: 4-6.
1865	Danbury,	S. Graves,	E. Cushman,	S. D. Phelps,	1 Tim. 3: 15.
1866	Hartford,	J. A. Bailey,	E. Cushman,	I. H. Gilbert,	2 Cor. 9: 32.
1867	Myrtle River,	C. B. Crane,	E. Cushman,	R. Turnbull,	Rev. 5: 10.
1868	New Haven,	A. C. Bronson,	E. Cushman,	E. Lathrop,	1 Peter 2: 5.
1869	Deep River,	R. J. Adams,	E. Cushman,	B. S. Morse,	Mark 1: 40-42.
1870	New Britain,	A. P. Buell,	J. A. Bailey,	H. G. Mason,	Ecc. 9: 4.
1871	Norwalk,	James L. Howard,	J. A. Bailey,	G. L. Hunt,	1 Tim. 4: 1, 2.
1872	Waterbury,	James L. Howard,	J. A. Bailey,	A. G. Palmer,	Eph. 1: 18.
1873	New Haven,	James L. Howard,	R. Turnbull,	A. J. Sage,	1 Cor. 13: 3.
1874	Putnam,	James L. Howard,	R. Turnbull,	C. E. Smith,	Prov. 4: 23.
1875	Hartford,	James L. Howard,	R. Turnbull,	A. C. Hubbard,	
1876	Sutfield,	James L. Howard,	R. Turnbull,	A. C. Hubbard,	Zech. 4: 16.
1877	Norwich,	A. G. Palmer,	R. Turnbull,	F. F. Emerson,	Neh. 9: 6, 17.
1878	Meriden,	E. Lathrop,	T. A. T. Hanna,	J. Davies,	Matt. 16: 3.
1879	Danbury,	A. J. Sage,	T. A. T. Hanna,	B. F. Bronson,	1 Cor. 11: 1.
1880	Bridgeport,	A. J. Sage,	T. A. T. Hanna,	J. M. Taylor,	1 Cor. 1: 21.
1881	New London,	A. J. Sage,	T. A. T. Hanna,	J. R. Stubbart,	Jonah 3: 3.
1882	Ansonia,	W. S. Bronson,	T. A. T. Hanna,	G. H. Miner,	1 Cor. 1: 24.
1883	New Haven,	W. S. Bronson,	T. A. T. Hanna,	M. H. Pogson,	Acts 5: 20.
1884	Norwich,	W. S. Bronson,	Elizur Cook,	O. C. Sargent,	Luke 2: 32.
1885	Hartford,	W. S. Bronson,	Elizur Cook,	J. V. Garion,	Matt. 6: 10.
1886	Waterbury,	Francis Wayland,	P. S. Evans,	G. W. Holman,	Matt. 28: 20.
1887	New Britain,	Francis Wayland,	P. S. Evans,	B. W. Lockhart,	John 8: 37.
1888	Hartford,	Francis Wayland,	P. S. Evans,	D. H. Taylor,	1 John 4: 16.
1889	Putnam,	Francis Wayland,	P. S. Evans,	P. G. Wightman,	Isa. 54: 2.
1890	Middletown,	Francis Wayland,	P. S. Evans,	J. H. Gow,	Matt. 9: 10-13.
1891	New Haven,	Francis Wayland,	P. S. Evans,	W. G. Fennell,	Heb. 6: 5.
1892	Willimantic,	Francis Wayland,	P. S. Evans,	J. S. James,	Heb. 6: 5.
1893	Danbury,	Francis Wayland,	P. S. Evans,	H. M. Thompson,	Jonah 4: 10.
1894	Norwich,	Francis Wayland,	P. S. Evans,	J. B. Lemon,	Jonah 3: 2.
1895	Bridgeport,	Francis Wayland,	P. S. Evans,	J. D. Herr, D.D.,	Acts 10: 44.
1896	New London,	Wm. A. Grippin,	P. S. Evans,	J. H. Mason,	Rom. 13: 8.
1897	Hartford,	Wm. A. Grippin,	P. S. Evans,	Wm. D. McKinney,	Zech. 4: 6; Rom. 15: 13.

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Connecticut Branch of the Woman's American Baptist
Home Mission Society.

As we look over our year's work in Connecticut we remember how we were encouraged at its beginning to hope for larger things in Woman's Home Missions than ever before. We are taught to believe that it is only by persistence in continuous efforts that we shall reach any goal. New workers we have who have kept our numbers unbroken, and have enabled us to report a financial gain of a little more than two hundred dollars. While this is encouraging, we do not find conditions ideal; one of the papers commented on the simplicity and success of our work, and said, "These women ask for a dollar and they get it." Well, we don't always; we wish we did — we should come up here to report in that case \$12,000 from the Baptist women of Connecticut. While not attaining this, we are steadily working toward it.

Our receipts for the past year represent the gifts of the living, no bequests having been received. One friend, an enthusiastic leader of a Junior Endeavor Society, gave fifty dollars, half to be used in the name of her Juniors for the Alaskan Chapel, and the other half at the discretion of the Board. This is the largest single gift for the year, so that nearly the entire amount of \$3,376.21 is from the small contributions of circles and bands, Young People's Societies, and Sunday-schools. We wish it were twice as much, and then it would only average fifty cents for each Baptist woman of Connecticut.

The interests we serve have been presented at the regular meetings of each Association, at the State Convention, and at such other times as it was found expedient. To be sure, the literature of our society is rich and varied, but there is a magnetism persuasive and convincing in the human voice, and the sympathetic response of listening hearts, and so we have heard in various parts of the state Mrs. Whittaker, Mrs. Peckham, Miss Giles of Spelman, Mrs. McWhinnie, Mrs. Reynolds, and others.

The Associations continue in the care of the same directors. Hartford Association, under Mrs. E. A. Spencer, striving in its gifts for one thousand dollars, falls but little short, showing from its various organizations, \$943.17.

Ashford Association, with Mrs. Annie A. Preston as leader, has twelve out of her sixteen churches giving for this object \$300.

Stonington Union, under the leadership of Mrs. S. F. Brown, pursues the even tenor of her way, contributing \$393.64.

To the New Haven Association, with Miss McWhinnie as director, we credit the gain reported for the year in the whole state, due to the number of new workers. The whole amount reported is \$864.10.

New London Association has done good work and is making substantial gains under its new leader, Mrs. T. A. Perkins, \$412.63 reported.

Fairfield Association, under its old-time leader, gave \$445.68.

What measure of success has come to us is due to the hearty co-operation of the sisters all over the state. Requests for service at meetings or in the various ways in which we have sought to lead the work, have met with quick and willing response. For the year now upon us, more than half gone, we would urge the plan of quarterly returns to the treasury, that expenses may be met as they occur. Some of our auxiliaries have followed this method for years, some have commenced this year, and we earnestly hope it may become general among all our circles and bands.

We would urge upon all our Sunday-schools the care of the Alaskan Mission, the Orphanage, and Chapel; as the work prospers the need of funds increases. We have prayed that this work might be blessed of God; let us not fail to provide a corresponding increase in our gifts. Last year only thirty-four Connecticut Sunday-schools gave towards this needy field. Shall not every one of our schools be represented this year with a gift for the neglected children of Alaska?

We remember with love many who have been called from the work they loved on earth; they have entered into the perfect joy, where still they go on errands of mercy, doing the will of Him who sends them according to his wisdom and pleasure. We miss their bright, happy faces, and we often long for their wise counsels; but shall we not fill up the depleted ranks?—remembering that they, in the heavenly world, and we, in our earthy homes, may still be one in thought and purpose until we all come to appear before God, when we shall rejoice only in the loving loyalty which has, by His blessing, enabled us to bring many sheaves to lay down at the feet of Jesus, our Saviour.

HELEN R. DEWHURST.

OFFICERS.

Mrs. HELEN R. DEWHURST, Voluntown, Vice-President Northeastern Connecticut.

Mrs. FRANCES MCKINNEY, Ansonia, Vice-President Southwestern Connecticut.

Miss MARY L. HOWARD, 67 Collins St., Hartford, Ass't Vice-President.

Associations.

Ashford, . . .
 Junior, . . .
 Stonington Union, . . .
 Junior, . . .
 New London, . . .
 Junior, . . .
 Hartford, . . .
 Junior, . . .
 New Haven, . . .
 Junior, . . .
 Fairfield, . . .
 Junior, . . .

Directors.

Mrs. ANNIE A. PRESTON, Willington.
 Mrs. FAYETTE GOSS, Willimantic.
 Mrs. SARAH F. BROWN, Jewett City.
 Miss MARIA B. HOPKINS, Plainfield.
 Mrs. T. A. PERKINS, Norwich.
 Mrs. WM. W. BECKWITH, Norwich.
 Mrs. E. A. SPENCER, Suffield.
 Mrs. GERSHOM SMITH, Hartford.
 Miss MARGARET MCWHINNIE, Waterbury.
 Miss E. INE BROWN, Wallingford.
 Mrs. M. W. SILLIMAN, Norwalk.
 Mrs. WM. T. HINCKS, Bridgeport.

TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Connecticut.

The twenty-sixth annual meeting of the Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Connecticut was held October 20th in the Asylum Avenue Baptist Church of Hartford.

Mrs. E. W. Husted of Meriden read the scripture, and Mrs. J. C. Breaker of Southington offered prayer, after which Mrs. F. G. McKeever presented the annual report of the Junior work. Mrs. Waterbury was present and gave an address which was filled with suggestive and inspiring thoughts. After the report of the State Secretary, Rev. Mr. Maplesden of Middletown gave a brief address, leaving with those present a glimpse of the work of a missionary on the field.

A collection was taken, which amounted to \$24.82, and, after singing, the meeting adjourned.

REPORT OF THE STATE SECRETARY.

One year of the term of years that will go to make up our Golden Anniversary, in 1921, is gone. We believe it has not been a year of retrogression, although the advancement has not been great. The discouragements have been few, the encouragements many. Only a brief outline of what has been done can be given here.

Early in the year five thousand copies of our twenty-fifth annual report were printed. These were made into suitable packages and sent, with a letter, to each circle. This involved much time and labor, and an expense, including postage and express charges, of \$62.02. This was an entirely new departure, but, from the many words of commendation received, we feel sure that it has been a profitable one.

The appointed meetings of the year have been held as usual. At each of the association gatherings one hour has been given to our society. Your secretary was unable to attend any of these meetings, excepting that of the Stonington Union Association, but she is assured by the faithful secretaries that they were excellent and promise good results.

Our contributions have not been so large as in the few previous years, but we believe this has not been so much from a lessening interest, as from the stringency of the times, and a desire, in some cases, to help cancel the large debt of our Home and Foreign Missionary organizations.

Mrs. Kent writes hopefully of the work in the Ashford Association. Although the contributions were less than last year, she feels sure in many instances that no money was spent on luxuries at the expense of the missionary cause. Spring Hill reports twenty-five women among its resident members and a contribution of twenty-five dollars, while Danielson and Stafford send nearly as good a report. When each church contributes one dollar for each resident woman, our treasury will receive a little more than six hundred dollars from the Ashford Association. May that time hasten.

A hopeful report comes from the *Fairfield Association* through the secretary, Mrs. Hoyt. The falling off in contributions was less in the Fairfield than in any other association in the state. Perhaps one secret of this is that the secretary says, "The work has never before been so precious to me." What we care for, that we are willing to work and sacrifice for, and work and sacrifice always bring results. There seems to be a desire on the part of the circles to increase their activities, and a belief on the part of many that the assigned apportionments will be met, and, best of all, there is an increase of the spirit of earnest, faithful prayer, and a renewed feeling of dependence upon the Master.

The *New Haven Association*, as in all the years since the organization of our society, is again faithfully reported by Miss Twiss. We

can believe that her interest in the work deepens and intensifies as the years pass, and that if we were to ask her, or the women who have labored with her, if they have done too much for the cause, they would answer in the negative. Miss Twiss says, "I am sure the cause is deepening in the hearts of the women of our churches, and the number of those who pray for the workers on the field is increasing." She also speaks in loving remembrance of Mrs. P. G. Wightman, who has "entered into rest," after months of suffering.

Mrs. Strong writes from the *Hartford Association*, that while she cannot send a record of great achievements, the circles are ready for work. There is a larger attendance at the meetings of the circles, and a growing sympathy with Foreign Missionary work, due to the fact that the women are reading more, and thus educating themselves to the truth that mission work in foreign lands is a personal work, whether they go themselves or help to send others. The apportionment this year for the Hartford Association is \$1,350. The Juniors are asked to assume \$250 of this sum, leaving \$1,100 for the circles to secure. We trust that the contributions will equal this amount.

The letter that brings the report of the *New London Association* expresses a fear that there will be a falling off in contributions this year. We are almost sure this will prove groundless, for the women of the New London Association have been noted for their faithfulness and loyalty to the cause, and we cannot think they will be any less so in the future. Mrs. Lester says, at some points, she sees reason for encouragement. One new circle combining home and foreign work has been formed at Lebanon. The apportionment this year is \$450, and we know if the women of the churches equal their secretary in faithfulness and persistent personal effort the whole sum will be reported.

The circles of the old *Stonington Union Association* are still pressing on. Mrs. Latham, the enthusiastic secretary, writes: "I am thankful for the privilege of serving another year, but I feel that I have received more than I have given. I have no word of discouragement to offer. Although the Stonington Union Association did not quite come up to its standard last year, the amount raised, considering the general depression, proves that there is not wanting a spirit of consecration. Be it ours this year to lead some of the uninterested to assume their responsibility."

The *Southwestern Conference*, which is composed of the circles in the Fairfield and New Haven Associations, deserve particular mention, in that they have furnished a room at Hasseltine House, in memory of Mrs. S. M. Whiting. This was a fitting memorial for one who held the interest of the dear girls who go out from us, so near to her heart. May not other conferences or associations or circles or individuals keep the needs of Hasseltine House in remem-

brance. It is built and furnished, but annual offerings are necessary to keep it in running order, and the girls who make their home there for a little time and then go out to the field need your prayers.

The annual meeting of our mother society in Washington, last April, brought to our ears and hearts that sad cry spelled with four letters, d-e-b-t. After much discussion it was decided to make an effort to cancel it before July 1st, by asking a certain sum from each state. When the amounts were announced we learned that \$700 was asked from Connecticut. We felt as though we had an almost impossible task before us. We determined at once not to ask any circle directly for a contribution, as that would only mean a smaller contribution to report next April. We worked diligently, wrote many letters, and made many personal appeals. We were amply rewarded when word came from our treasurer at Boston that Connecticut was the first state to raise her apportionment, and that she had exceeded it, having given \$725.28. The amounts ranged from one dollar to two hundred dollars. All honor to those women who helped so nobly in the time of need.

There has again been a small increase in the list of *The Helping Hand* subscribers. Twice the list has been sent to us from the publisher. This has been cut and sent to the association secretaries who have no doubt again cut it into pieces to send to the circles. We must be watchful and keep this little helper busy among our women. Much depends upon the use of it, and the other instructive literature that can always be had at the rooms. A faithful circulation of these agents will do much toward answering the question, "How shall we increase an interest in our work?"

We would urge the circles, as we have done many times before, to a course of systematic study. It will give new interest to your work. It will make your prayers earnest and definite. Try it with a little spice of personal work and an invitation to every woman in your church to aid in the cause of foreign missions.

We hesitate to again speak of our apportionment of \$6,000, that has now been asked of us for several years, and which we have never quite reached. We wish that every circle might be working for a definite part of this amount. Let our giving, like our study, be systematic. That old-fashioned method of laying by "as the Lord hath prospered us," is a good one to follow.

"God loveth a cheerful giver,
Whether the gift be large or small;
But what does He think of His children
Who never give at all?"

Let our hearts be full of courage as we continue another year's service. Let us not be afraid to sacrifice self, to "count all but loss" for His sake, being co-workers with Him who giveth us grace while we work.

MRS. ARCHIBALD WHEATON.

FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE JUNIOR DEPARTMENT.

It is seldom that workers are permitted to engage in a service that gives promise of large rewards in the future, and, at the same time, yields rich returns in the present. Such a work, however, is that of our Junior Department. While our Junior organizations have been bringing in their offerings to help send the Gospel throughout the earth, the members of these organizations have been trained along missionary lines, and in the near future there will be in our churches a host of those who will pray and work for the coming of the heavenly kingdom.

In primary class, Junior Endeavor, and Junior B. Y. P. U. Band, and Young Ladies' Mission Circle, the work has been carried on. Seventy-three different junior organizations have contributed \$741.93, an average of more than \$10 each. From a review of the past, the outlook for the future is full of encouragement.

Faithful Junior secretaries are ours, whose lives and labors bear testimony to the fact that we are living,

"In an age on ages telling,
To be living is sublime."

Who can tell but that some of the Juniors who are now being trained in our churches will live to see the consummation of the ages when the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ.

CLARA F. McKEEVER.

OFFICERS.

Mrs. ARCHIBALD WHEATON, Mystic, State Secretary.
Secretary of Junior Work.

Association Secretaries.

Ashford,	Mrs. J. B. KENT, Putnam.
Junior,	Miss HELEN CRANSKA, Thompson.
Fairfield,	Mrs. J. B. HOYT, Stamford.
Junior,	Mrs. R. O. SHERWOOD, South Norwalk.
Hartford,	Mrs. H. L. STRONG, 19 Vernon St., Hartford.
Junior,	Mrs. F. W. PAYNE, 40 Huntington St., Hartford.
New Haven,	Miss F. L. TWISS, 1096 Broad St., Meriden.
Junior,	Miss MATTIE J. POTTER, 723 Elm St., New Haven.
New London,	Mrs. S. A. LESTER, 31 Jay St., New London.
Junior,	Mrs. H. L. AVERY, New London.
Stonington Union,	Mrs. ELMER LATHAM, Mystic.
Junior,	Mrs. J. C. HYDE (Acting), Quaker Hill.

SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
OF THE
BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION
OF CONNECTICUT.

The Sixth Annual Convention of the Baptist Young People's Union of Connecticut was held at Hartford Oct. 18th and 19th.

After an organ voluntary, Chas. Edw. Prior led a praise service. Rev. S. G. Hastings read the scripture lesson, and Rev. W. C. Martin led in prayer.

President Rev. J. S. Lyon spoke of the development of this Young People's movement, and compared it to the three stages in the growth and development of a healthy child; the three stages he named as "Enthusiasm, Iconoclasm, and no-more-spasm."

There is a time when the youth thinks that enthusiasm is all that is necessary to accomplish his end. Then comes the period of questioning — the period of iconoclasm; but after this he settles down to earnest endeavor. As young people, we have passed the first and second stage, and are now ready for earnest work for the Master.

Secretary H. A. Edgecomb read his report, showing that there had been progress through the year, though not as great as it would be pleasant to report. Comparatively few societies take up the C. C. C.; but in the New London and Stonington Union Associations an effort is being made to awaken more interest by offering banners. One hundred and eleven of the Baptist churches report in all 41 C. E. Societies, and 33 B. Y. P. U., with 3,845 active members, and benevolent contributions amounting to \$2,793.45.

Chas. Edw. Prior, the treasurer, gave his report showing receipts from all sources, \$94.25, and expenses, \$96.18.

Miss Lillian Herr of Norwich presented a paper on "Systematic Beneficence among the Young People."

We have a royal inheritance; but great possession brings great responsibility. As Baptists, the advance has been very great the past century; and this should urge us to go forward. New fields

are opening, but there is a cry for retrenchment, because we have not given as we ought. As we are to reap as we sow, it is important that the young people be taught to sow liberally.

The President appointed as the Nominating Committee: H. D. Stanton, W. A. Fraser, Rev. H. M. Thompson, Rev. R. Maplesden, and Bro. Cranston of Norwich.

Rev. R. Maplesden pleaded for "A Stronger Life as the Supreme Need of the Hour."

God has evidently started this young people's movement to meet difficulties and dangers that have come into our life. It has led to more earnest Bible study and better service for Christ. There are many difficulties, but they must be met by a new influx of spiritual power. The strong life needed will be the living out of the great spiritual truths we have imbibed in our denomination. And we shall become the possessors of this life as we learn the meaning of such words as "consecration," "sacrifice," and "love."

Rev. G. M. Stone offered prayer, and Rev. R. E. Turner pronounced the benediction.

Tuesday morning the exercises were opened with a prayer and praise service.

Bro. W. D. Johnson spoke of some of the "Important Features of the Chattanooga Convention," placing as of chief importance the union of the Northern and Southern young people's organizations. Reference was also made to the prayer-meeting on Lookout Mountain.

Rev. F. E. Robbins opened the discussion of the "Methods and Vital Needs of the Baptist Young People's Work."

Quite a large number joined in the discussion, each presenting his own views.

The Committee on Nomination presented the following names, and they were elected.

President — Rev. F. E. Robbins, Norwalk.

1st Vice-President — Rev. R. Maplesden, Middletown.

2d Vice-President — Rev. W. C. Martin, Noank.

Secretary — H. A. Edgcomb, Groton.

Treasurer — James L. Case, Norwich.

Transportation Leader — E. B. Boynton, Hartford.

In case he could not serve, the Secretary was instructed to fill his place.

Rev. F. E. Robbins closed the session with prayer.

SIXTEENTH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE
Conference of Baptist Ministers of Connecticut.

Asylum Ave. Church.

Hartford, Oct. 18, 1897.

The Conference was called to order by Rev. G. M. Stone, D.D., the Moderator, at 1:30. After singing, Pastor F. E. Robbins led in prayer. The Chair appointed Pastors Genung, Wightman, and Dixon a Nominating Committee to report officers for the coming year. The Committee subsequently reported the following, all of whom were elected to their respective offices:

President — Rev. W. D. MCKINNEY, Ansonia.

Secretary — Rev. H. M. THOMPSON, Hartford.

DIRECTORS.

Ashford,	Rev. C. H. BROWN.
Fairfield,	Rev. GEO. D. REID.
Hartford,	Rev. JNO. S. LYON.
New Haven,	Rev. A. K. FOSTER.
New London,	Rev. J. C. HYDE.
Stonington,	Rev. W. C. MARTIN.

TRUSTEES OF MINISTERS' HOME.

Rev. G. M. Stone, D.D., Hartford.

Rev. J. R. Stubbert, New London.

Rev. G. W. Nicholson, Bridgeport.

J. Amsbury, Danbury.

The Secretary read a report of the changes in the ministry. Five ministers had died within the year, the first two being in the pastorate.

MINISTERS DECEASED.

Rev. G. L. Putnam, Woodstock.
Rev. D. F. Beebe, North Colebrook.
Rev. H. A. Chapman, Bridgeport.
Rev. D. Henry Miller, D.D., Mystic.
Rev. Latham Fitch, New London.

ORDAINED WITHIN THE YEAR.

L. J. Bamberg, South Woodstock.
J. B. Rittgers, New Canaan.
W. O. Harris, Stamford (Union Church).
Richard Kemp, Third North Stonington.
C. L. Eldridge, Preston.
C. H. Peckham, Bozrah.
Frank Day, Colchester Borough.
E. B. Cutten, Montowese.
W. L. Atherton, West Woodstock.
C. Malley, Bantam.

Besides those ordained fifteen pastors had entered the state, and been settled over churches; and four pastors had changed their fields of labor within the state, and nine pastors had left the state.

Rev. A. K. Foster read an essay on "Deduction from New Testament Teaching as to Divorce and Re-Marriage." The paper elicited a general discussion in which many of the brethren participated. The Conference finally took action as follows: (1) It was voted that Pastor Foster be requested to print his paper in such newspaper or magazine as he may elect. (2) A committee was appointed consisting of Rev. G. F. Genung, Hon. Hadlai A. Hull, Rev. T. P. Briggs, and Rev. A. K. Foster, to prepare a suitable memorial, addressed to the Legislature of Connecticut, on the subject of the Divorce Laws, and to present such report at the next meeting of the Conference.

Rev. C. L. Rhoades delivered an address on "Our Duty towards the Unchurched Masses." This address was generally discussed by the brethren.

The chairman appointed a committee of three, viz.: Pastors E. M. Poteat, and Frank Dixon, and Hon. H. A. Hull to nominate the essayists for the next annual meeting. The committee reported the names of the following brethren, and the report was adopted:

ESSAYISTS FOR 1898.

1. Rev. Harold Pattison.
Rev. Raymond Maplesden, *Alternate*.
2. Rev. Addison Moore.
Rev. John H. Strong, *Alternate*.

Rev. M. G. Croker addressed the Conference on the "Interest of the Baptist Ministers' Home, West Farms, N. Y."

On motion adjourned.

H. M. THOMPSON, *Secretary*.

ANNUAL MEETING AND BANQUET OF THE BAPTIST SOCIAL UNION OF CONNECTICUT.

HARTFORD, October 25, 1897.

The Twenty-seventh Annual Meeting of the Baptist Social Union of Connecticut was held in the Parlors of the Asylum Avenue Baptist Church, Hartford, on Wednesday, October 20, 1897, at 5 o'clock P. M.

Vice-President Miller presiding in the unavoidable absence of Hon. George W. Hodge, President.

Brother Elihu Larkin — one of the few surviving constituent members — led in a brief and earnest prayer.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were approved as printed. A few brief statements regarding the Mid-winter meeting at Meriden were also given and approved.

The Treasurer's Report was next presented, as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand last report (Oct. 13, 1896), . . .	\$245.86
Dues from members and supper tickets, . . .	93.00
	—————\$338.86

DISBURSEMENTS.

Crocker House, New London,	\$201.00
Gust. Geduldig (florist),	4.20
Rev. B. L. Whitman, D.D.,	25.00
Balance on hand Oct. 21, 1896,	108.66
	—————\$338.86

RECEIPTS.

To balance on hand,	\$108.66
Dues from 61 members,	186.00
	—————\$294.66

DISBURSEMENTS.

By R. S. Peck & Co.,	\$2.25
Chas. M. Gaines, \$10.50, \$2, \$2.50, \$4.75,	19.75
Postage, \$4.26, \$4.16,	8.42
D. A. Spear,	4.00
Balance,	260.24
	—————\$294.66

It was stated that the accounts had been examined by Auditor J. L. Denison, who had given certificate to their correctness, and that above balance had been found on hand. From the balance, \$260.24, the expenses of the Hartford banquet would be paid. The report was then accepted and ordered on record.

The following names were proposed for membership: Wm. J. Tolhurst, Charles Edw. Prior, Robert Palmer, Wm. A. Fraser, Alfred Spencer, Jr., Curtis P. Gladding, H. L. Thompson, John Littlejohn, William O'Neil, Warren S. Trott, Fred E. Stanley, Frederick Gallup, Julius Twiss, James R. Prentice, George Baldwin, Geo. F. Spencer, T. H. McKenzie, John Coats. It was unanimously voted that they be elected as members of the Union.

The election of officers being in order, the presiding officer

appointed the following to act as a nominating committee; it was also stated that Hon. Geo. W. Hodge emphatically declined re-election:

Hon. James L. Howard, Mr. W. F. Walker, and Mr. W. A. Grippin.

After proper consideration the committee presented a list of names as nominees for officers and directors as follows:

President.—Hon. Carnot O. Spencer, Hartford.

Vice-Presidents.—Edward Miller, Meriden, and Hon. H. A. Hull, Stonington.

Secretary and Treasurer.—Fred'k W. Payne, Hartford.

Directors.—E. V. Preston, Hartford; Hon. James L. Howard, Hartford; Jabez Amsbury, Danbury; S. O. Preston, New Haven; Hon. Fred A. Betts, New Haven; James Newcomb, New London; A. J. Shipley, Waterbury; M. E. Morris, Bridgeport; A. J. Sloper, New Britain.

The report was accepted by unanimous vote, and the chairman of committee cast the ballot for their election for the ensuing year, by request.

President Spencer was then conducted to his chair of office after speaking earnestly in regard to his understanding of the original purposes as well as the present obligations and opportunities of the Social Union.

Attention was called to the death of one member of the Union, Mr. John T. Trott of Waterbury. It was voted that the Secretary be appointed a committee to prepare obituary notice to be printed in this report.

Hon. James L. Howard — one of the founders and first President of the Social Union — led in a reminiscent discussion of the responsibility to the Convention and to the denomination, which the Union has so satisfactorily met during the past quarter of a century:

After discussion it was left with the officers of the Union to arrange for the usual Mid-winter meeting.

Adjourned at 5:30 P. M.

SPECIAL.—The members of the Union will be pleased to learn that after payment of all bills there is a balance of more than \$25.00 in the hands of the Treasurer. Considering many features of the Hartford reunion (which should receive attention at another meeting), this result is certainly gratifying.

ANNUAL BANQUET.

The Annual Banquet for members, their wives, and invited guests, was given at the Allyn House at the usual hour.

The company numbered 273; the excellent course dinner was served to the accompaniment of Pope's orchestra.

Promptly at 9:30 President Spencer called the assembly to order, and after preliminary remarks introduced the principal speaker of the evening — Rev. Geo. C. Lorimer, D.D., the talented pastor of Tremont Temple, Boston, the programme being thus slightly changed in order not to disappoint guests who were obliged to take an "earlier" train. "Christianity and its Learning, the Old, the New, and especially the True," were quickly portrayed by a master hand. "Christianity, although profoundly emotional, is of all religions the most intellectual." "First skepticism, but the second effect a larger and a stronger faith." "The Church should be ready to give to all men a broad charity towards their interpretations of views." "The arm that strikes the blow for the true must be a Christian arm, it should tear down treason in high places and gather in the sheaves of the coming Kingdom." The appreciative audience was so thoroughly interested and instructed that the passage of the moments was unnoticed and a source of no regret.

The Rev. Joseph H. Twichell of Hartford followed in a highly interesting address. His pleasing references to Baptist worthies — apostolic men, and the conviction with which he had often read in the country churchyard the epitaph of the

brother "who went down with his flag flying" — sacred to the memory of an anti-pedobaptist minister — were fully enjoyed.

Following were bright and breezy speeches by Rev. Geo. M. Stone, D.D., Hartford; Hon. W. A. Grippin, Bridgeport, President State Convention; Rev. Harold Pattison, Hartford; Rev. Addison Moore, New Haven, and Rev. A. W. Hand, Putnam.

Then the Doxology was sung in a hearty manner by all present.

And so, at 10:45, this best of our annual reunions had become a part of our denominational history.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED'K W. PAYNE,

Secretary.

Obituary.

WHEREAS, Our brother beloved in the faith,

JOHN B. TROTT,

for years a consistent member of the church in Waterbury, and a member with us since October, 1881, has been taken from these earthly habitations to brighter and better mansions on high;

Therefore, Resolved, That we, the remaining membership of the Baptist Social Union of Connecticut, will endeavor to emulate his hearty, genial, and sincere Christian character. His personality was an inspiration, and will live in our remembrance.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to his family, and also printed in our minutes.

FRED'K W. PAYNE,

Committee.

Connecticut Baptist Education Society.

President.

REV. W. G. FENNELL, Meriden.

Vice-Presidents.

REV. J. R. STUBBERT, New London.

L. S. MORRIS, Bridgeport.

Secretary.

REV. E. C. SAGE, Ph.D., New Haven.

Treasurer.

MR. EDWARD MILLER, SR., Meriden.

Auditor.

MR. THOMAS SISSON, Hartford.

Trustees.

REV. G. M. STONE, D.D., Hartford. REV. G. F. GENUNG, D.D., Suffield.

REV. HAROLD PATTISON, Hartford. MR. J. W. LAMB, Hartford.

REV. F. G. MCKEEVER, New London.

Trustees of Connecticut Literary Institution.

Term Expires 1898.

Wm. L. Phelps, Ph.D., N. Haven. Mr. Chas. E. Chaffee, Windsor L.

Mr. G. M. Montgomery, W'dsor L. Mr. Alfred Spencer, Jr., Hartford.

Rev. W. G. Fennell, Meriden. Mr. Pierce N. Welch, N. Haven.

Mr. Adams P. Carroll, Norwich. Mr. Sidney A. Kent, Chicago.

Mr. A. J. Sloper, New Britain. Rev. G. F. Genung, D.D., Suffield.

Rev. G. W. Nicholson, Bridgeport.

Term Expires 1899.

Rev. C. A. Piddock, Hartford. Mr. Joseph Merriam, Middletown.

Hon. T. H. Spencer, Suffield. Mr. Charles L. Spencer, Suffield.

M. M. Johnson, M.D., Hartford. Mr. E. V. Preston, Hartford.

Hon. Jas. L. Howard, Hartford. W. C. King, Esq., Sp'gf'd, Mass.

M. H. Smith, Ph.D., Suffield. Mr. L. P. Bissell, Suffield.

Geo. P. Chandler, Esq., Hartford. E. C. Frisbie, Esq., Hartford.

Term Expires 1900.

Rev. G. M. Stone, D.D., Hartford. Mr. Edw'd Miller, Sr., Meriden.

Rev. E. C. Sage, D.D., N. Haven. Rev. W. H. P. Faunce, D.D.,

M. T. Newton, M.D., Suffield. New York city.

Mr. H. W. Erving, Hartford. Hon. E. L. Lyford, Sp'gf'd, Mass.

Mr. Silas Chapman, Jr., Hartford. Mr. Lewis Hall, Meriden.

Mr. F. C. Rockwell, Hartford. Hon. R. P. Wilbur, Mystic.

CHARTER.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE CONNECTICUT BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

Passed May, 1820.

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened,* That Asahel Morse, Caleb Moore, Joseph B. Gilbert, John Bolles, Hezekiah Huntington, Elisha Cushman, Noadiah Woodruff, David King, Jessie Savage, Pierpont Brockett, David Bolles, Isaac Dwinnell, Eli Ball, George Mitchell, David Turner, Jeremiah Brown, Ashabel Otis, Jonathan Goodwin, Jr., Orra Martin, Asa Talmadge, Chauncey Wheeler, Thomas Wheeler, Elijah Filley, and their associates, be, and they are hereby formed into, constituted, and made a body politic and corporate, by the name of "*The Connecticut Baptist Education Society,*" and by that name they and their successors shall, and may have perpetual succession, shall be capable of suing and being sued, pleading and being impleaded, in all suits of whatever nature soever, may have a common seal, and the same alter or change at pleasure. And may also have, purchase, receive, hold, and convey away estate, real, personal, or mixed, the annual income of which shall not exceed three thousand dollars.

Sec. 2. The said Baptist Education Society may from time to time elect a president and such other officers and agents as they may find necessary or convenient; may elect and receive additional members; make by-laws respecting number, qualifications, and duties of their officers and members; prescribe the mode of election and admission of members; the time, place, and manner of holding their meetings; the number necessary to form a quorum; and all other by-laws and regulations which said society may deem necessary for the government and due regulation of its concerns to promote and secure the essential objects of said Society, as expressed in their constitution — not repugnant to the laws of this state, or of the United States.

Sec. 3. The first meeting of said society shall be held at Hartford, on the first Wednesday of May, A.D. 1821.

Sec. 4. This act of incorporation, and every part thereof, may be altered, amended, or repealed at the pleasure of the General Assembly.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This Society shall be known by the name of "The Connecticut Baptist Education Society."

Art. 2. The object of this Society shall be to assist young men, who are called of God to preach the Gospel, in acquiring such mental discipline and culture as shall render them more useful in the kingdom of Christ.

Art. 3. The Society shall consist of such persons as pay into the treasury one dollar or more annually; also of delegates from churches and auxiliary societies, which shall be entitled to representation at the annual meeting as follows, viz.: Every church and auxiliary society contributing to the funds of the Society five dollars annually shall be entitled to one delegate, and those contributing ten or more dollars, two delegates; the payment of fifteen dollars in advance shall constitute membership for life.

Art. 4. The officers of this society shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, an Auditor, and five Trustees, to be chosen annually in any manner the Society may determine.

Art. 5. The Society shall also elect by ballot, at its annual meeting, Trustees of the Connecticut Literary Institution, as provided by the amended charter, and actively foster and advance our educational interests in this State.

Art. 6. The officers of this Society shall constitute an Executive Committee to manage the concerns of the Society during its recess, to control its funds and property; to examine and admit candidates to the benefits of the Society; and at every annual meeting of the Society they shall make a faithful report of their doings the preceding year.

Art. 7. The Secretary shall keep a record of the beneficiaries, and record the acts of the Society and of the Executive Committee, draw all orders on the Treasurer authorized by said Committee, conduct the correspondence, give notice of meetings, and prepare the annual report of the Executive Committee to the Society. The Treasurer shall have charge of the current funds of the Society, and pay them out only to the order of the Secretary; he shall also safely hold all bonds, notes, deeds, and other evidences of property belonging to the Society, giving ample security for these trusts. His accounts shall always be open to the inspection of the Executive Committee and Auditor, and he shall make a detailed report of the same quarterly to said committee, and annually to the Society. The Auditor shall examine annually, or oftener, the accounts and securities of the Treasurer, and certify the same.

Art. 8. The Executive Committee shall, annually, at its first quarterly meeting, appoint a Finance Committee of three of its own members, who shall negotiate and invest all legacies, bequests, and other permanent funds of the Society, unless otherwise provided by their donors, according to the laws of Connecticut concerning trust funds.

Art. 9. The annual meeting of the Society for the election of officers and transaction of other business shall be holden during the week and at the same place of each meeting of the Convention. Special meetings of the Society may be called by the President, at the request of five members of the Executive Committee. The business of the Society may be transacted at all regular meetings by a majority of the members present.

Art. 10. Every person admitted to the benefits of this Society must be a member of some regular Baptist Church. He must produce a letter from said church, certifying his good standing, and its commendation of him as one called of God to the ministry. He must satisfy the Executive Committee that he possesses gifts promising usefulness in the work; and he shall, furthermore, be recommended to the patronage of the Society by at least three regularly ordained ministers of the Baptist denomination.

Art. 11. No person shall be aided by this Society unless he shall certify his intention to take a full course of study; preparatory, collegiate, and theological, unless, in the opinion of the Executive Committee, his age and circumstances do not admit of such a course; and the institutions in which beneficiaries pursue their studies shall be subject to the approval of the Executive Committee; and, voluntarily failing to enter the ministry, or for sufficient cause being dropped from the list of beneficiaries, he shall refund the money, with interest, he has received from the Society.

Art. 12. The personal services of those who are appointed to manage the concerns of the Society shall be in all respects gratuitous.

Art. 13. No alteration shall be made in the foregoing Constitution, except at an annual meeting of the Society, by a two-thirds vote of the members present, written notice of the proposed change having been given and recorded one year previous to its adoption.

N. B. — The Amendment alluded to in Art. 5 is the Amendment to the Charter of the Connecticut Literary Institution, approved July 9, 1862, which reads: "That the Board of Trustees shall consist of not less than twenty-one (21), nor more than thirty-three (33), members, to be chosen for three (3) years, one-third of the number annually, by the Connecticut Baptist Education Society."

Notice. — All persons sending money to the Connecticut Baptist Education Society will please send direct to Mr. Edward Miller, Sr., Meriden.

All communications for the Board, or application for assistance, should be addressed to the Secretary, Rev. E. C. Sage, New Haven.

THE SEVENTY-EIGHTH MEETING OF THE CONNECTICUT BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

Hartford, Oct. 20, 1897.

The Seventy-eighth Annual Meeting of the Society was held at the Asylum Avenue Baptist Church, Hartford, beginning at 10 A. M. with the President, Rev. W. G. Fennell in the chair. After singing, prayer was offered by Rev. F. G. McKeever. The chair appointed the following committees:

On Nomination. — The Rev. H. M. Thompson, P. G. Wightman, and R. O. Sherwood.

On Enrollment. — The Rev. Brethren H. M. Ives, E. T. Miller, G. C. Chappell, G. C. Sauer, and D. W. Phelps.

On Nomination of Trustees of Connecticut Literary Institution. — J. W. Lamb, Esq., the Rev. W. C. Martin, and G. F. Genung, D.D.

The annual report of the Executive Committee was then read by the Secretary.

To the Connecticut Baptist Education Society:

Dear Brethren: — The new pen which is given the task of writing this report must engage itself at the very beginning of its work in presenting a tribute of grateful and appreciative remembrance to the worthy men who for so many years served this society as president and secretary. The Hon. James L. Howard and the Rev. I. F. Stidham, Ph.D., co-laborers for many years in this department of Christian service, united in declining a re-election, and at the last annual meeting of the society, greatly to the regret of all, were granted a release from the burdens of office. As additional proof of their unfeigned interest in our work, their contributions of advice

and of money have continued without interruption, giving to the newly-appointed officers renewed reason for gratitude and to the society cause for sincere thankfulness.

The newly-elected officers entered upon their untried duties with the profound conviction that the Education Society has a place and a mission in the Kingdom of God. Conditions have not changed so as to make this organization, which to-day observes its seventy-eighth anniversary, an antiquated affair. Worthy young men, called of God to preach the Gospel, and coming from our churches in the state of Connecticut, need assistance if they are properly to equip themselves for the work of preaching, and never since the days when the great commission was given were the demands more urgent for a well-qualified ministry.

Although composed of busy pastors and equally busy laymen, the Executive Committee has found or made time to hold four meetings for business, all of whose sessions have been held in Hartford, because of its central location. At these quarterly gatherings, reports have been read from all of the fourteen young men who the past year have been under our care. The Executive Committee attempts to keep in touch with the life of these students. They ask and receive from them a detailed quarterly statement of the weeks of study, of the expenses, of the income from other sources, if any, besides requiring a certified statement by the president of the institution of learning attended, of the good character for scholarship, and general deportment of every young man under our charge. Besides, we have formed an informal conference with the pastors of these young men, learning from them facts concerning the general character and worth of these students. It is gratifying to report to the society that none are more hearty in their approval of the course pursued by you in rendering aid to these men than the pastors themselves, who know, as we cannot, the inner life, the history, and the circumstances of these candidates for the ministry.

We have likewise attempted to keep in touch with all of the churches in our state. The secretary has held correspondence, of greater or less extent, with all the pastors of our churches. He wishes at this time to acknowledge the obligation which he feels toward all of those brethren who so promptly and cordially responded to a general circular asking for systematic co-operation. Unmistakable signs are appearing that the pastors are awakening to the fact that the Education Society deserves a place on the church calendar alongside that of other great objects of benevolence. Besides this correspondence with churches the committee has endeavored to enlarge its acquaintance with the Baptists of the state by sending a member of the Board to our local associational gatherings, where the representative of the society has in every instance been received with most cordial welcome. With one exception, addresses were made in the interest of our work at every association in the state.

Of the fourteen young men whom our society has been aiding during the past year, one has graduated from a full course in the theological seminary, and he is now settled as a pastor in our own state, thus returning to us directly the benefits of the thorough equipment which we have rendered it possible for him to secure. Another year will find several who will likewise be ready to exchange the class-room for the field of active work.

The spirit of self-sacrifice shown by these young men is illustrated by one who returned to the secretary the blank forwarded to him for his report, accompanied by this note, which I take the liberty of transcribing: "I have not filled out the blank this time, because, as nearly as I can see the future, I shall not need the assistance of the society this quarter. My summer's earnings, the help given by this school, and table-waiting will carry me safely through this quarter." The scholarly character of these students is illustrated by this note voluntarily appended to the last report of another young man by a professor, whose name, if mentioned, would be familiar to you all. The professor wrote: "The present term has been in session only four weeks. Mr. ——— has, unfortunately, been very sick during three out of the four weeks. But he is at his place in the seminary again now, although still weak from the sickness. But his attendance and faithful discharge of duty have been so marked in all his connection with the seminary that I feel that it would not be quite just to make his illness count against him in the matter of aid. I am sure he will make up what he has not done in these weeks." Those most familiar with the character of the men under our care and with the work which they are doing in the schools thus speak in warmest terms of commendation of the course which you, as Baptists of Connecticut, are pursuing in making it possible for these young men who are called of God to preach the Gospel to secure thorough equipment for their life-work.

Permit me one practical suggestion. As the school year begins in September, and the first meeting of the new board of directors is held in October, at which time appropriations are usually made, it is very desirable that the contributions to this society should be forwarded as early in the year as possible. The habit into which many of the churches have fallen of deferring the collection for the Education Society until late in the spring or even until the summer months, leaves the Executive Committee in unfortunate uncertainty, as to the extent of the obligations which they should assume in making appropriations for the year. But still more unfortunate is the fact that collections taken in the summer, when many of the regular contributors in the churches are away from home, result in unsatisfactory returns.

Respectfully submitted,
E. C. SAGE, Secretary.

Mr. Edward Miller, Sr., then read his annual Treasurer's Report.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

EDWARD MILLER, Treasurer,

In account with

CONNECTICUT BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand last report, Oct. 21, 1896,	\$177.39
Collection and annual memberships at convention, Oct. 21, 1896,	52.50
Life membership of Thos. E. Parker,	15.00
" " Rev. J. W. Payne,	15.00
" " Mrs. J. D. Herr,	15.00
" " Rev. J. D. Herr,	15.00
" " Rev. Robt. E. Turner,	15.00
Contributions from Churches,	1,391.29
" " Geo. H. Lester,	1.00
" " M. N. Griswold,	25.00
" " C. H. Spalding,	10.00
Interest on bequest fund,	49.83
Bills payable,	400.00
	<u>\$2,182.01</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Expenses auditing books,	\$1.75
Postage,	2.20
Letter book and receipt blanks,	1.71
Expenses at Convention in New London,	5.00
Printing Minutes of Convention,	30.00
Appropriations,	1,206.25
Appropriations, October 1st,	263.50
Secretary's expenses,	10.75
Bills payable,	510.00
Interest,	21.02
Cash in Treasurer's hands,	130.83
	<u>\$2,182.01</u>
Bills payable, outstanding,	\$460.00
Cash on hand,	130.83
Deficit,	<u>\$329.17</u>

HARTFORD, October 19, 1897.

The above account has been carefully audited, vouchers found for expenditures, and found to be correct.

THOMAS SISSON,
Auditor.

EDWARD MILLER, Treasurer,

In account with

CONNECTICUT BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

1896.

RECEIPTS.

Oct. 21.	Balance on hand, last report, Oct. 21, 1896,			\$177.39	
	Collection and annual memberships,			52.50	
22.	Noank Baptist Church,			50.00	
30.	Second " " Danbury,			15.00	
31.	Olivet " " Hartford,			\$8.73	
1897.					
Mar. 3.	" " " "			4.28	
June 4.	" " " "			4.99	
Sept. 3.	" " " "			3.86	16.86
1896.					
Nov. 4.	Brooklyn " " Brooklyn,			2.00	
Dec. 4.	Asylum Av. " " Hartford,			6.00	
29.	Union " " Mystic,			36.31	
1897.					
Apr. 12.	" " " "			13.69	50.00
Jan. 4.	Memorial " " Hartford,			5.00	
Apr. 6.	" " " "			8.00	
July 20.	" " " "			5.00	
Oct. 8.	" " " "			5.00	23.00
Jan. 7.	No. Lyme, " " No. Lyme,			10.00	
8.	Willington, " " Willington,			5.00	
9.	South " " Hartford,			43.60	
Apr. 7.	" " " "			25.00	
July 14.	" " " "			26.00	
Oct. 7.	" " " "			38.00	132.60
Feb. 10.	E. Wash. Av. " " Bridgeport,			9.00	
Aug. 17.	" " " "			17.35	26.35

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Jan. 9.	Bills payable Edward Miller,	\$125.00	
30.	" " " "	50.00	
Apr. 12.	" " " "	175.00	
July 14.	" " " "	50.00	400.00
Oct. 16.	Grand Av. Baptist Church, New Haven,		15.18
18.	First " " New Britain,		45.00
20.	Bristol " " Bristol,		32.00
	Clinton " " Clinton,		5.00
	Asylum Av. " " Hartford,		20.00
	Deep River " " Deep River,		10.47
	Cash, Friend,		5.00
			\$2,182.01

EXPENDITURES.

1896.

Oct. 24.	Expenses to Hartford to audit books,	\$.85
	Postage,	2.00
	Letter Book,	1.33
Dec. 21.	Expenses at Convention, Order No. 1001, John G. Ward,	5.00
21.	Printing Minutes, Order No. 1002, P. S. Evans,	30.00

1897.

Jan. 9.	Appropriation No. 1003.	F. W. Blakeslee,	\$25.00	
	"	1004. P. S. Evans, Jr.,	31.25	
	"	1005. C. L. Owen,	25.00	
	"	1006. J. F. Smith,	31.25	
	"	1007. W. F. Clark,	31.25	
	"	1008. M. A. Bolton,	25.00	
	"	1009. R. T. Craig,	25.00	
	"	1010. E. K. Smith,	25.00	
	"	1011. M. J. Twomey,	25.00	
	"	1012. A. L. Wyman,	25.00	
	"	1013. E. H. Brown,	31.25	
	"	1014. L. J. Bamberg,	31.25	
	"	1015. F. D. Elmer,	62.50	393.75
Apr. 12.	"	1016. F. D. Elmer,	31.25	
	"	1017. J. F. Smith,	31.25	
	"	1018. F. W. Blakeslee,	31.25	
	"	1019. W. F. Clark,	31.25	
	"	1020. E. H. Bronson,	31.25	
	"	1021. A. L. Wyman,	25.00	
	"	1022. C. L. Owen,	25.00	
	"	1023. M. J. Twomey,	31.25	
	"	1024. M. A. Bolton,	25.00	
	"	1025. E. K. Smith,	25.00	

Apr. 12.	Appropriation No. 1026.	R. T. Craig,	\$31.25	
	"	1027. L. J. Bamberg,	31.25	
	"	1028. P. S. Evans, Jr.,	31.25	
	"	1029. C. F. Field,	25.00	406.25
July 14.	"	1030. F. D. Elmer,	31.25	
	"	1031. J. F. Smith,	31.25	
	"	1032. F. W. Blakeslee,	31.25	
	"	1033. W. F. Clark,	31.25	
	"	1034. E. H. Bronson,	31.25	
	"	1035. A. L. Wyman,	25.00	
	"	1036. C. L. Owen,	25.00	
	"	1037. M. J. Twomey,	31.25	
	"	1038. M. A. Bolton,	25.00	
	"	1039. E. K. Smith,	25.00	
	"	1040. R. T. Craig,	31.25	
	"	1041. L. J. Bamberg,	31.25	
	"	1042. P. S. Evans, Jr.,	31.25	
	"	1043. C. J. Field,	25.00	406.25
1896.				
Oct. 30.	Bills payable, Edward Miller,		210.00	
1897.				
Aug. 18.	" " " "		175.00	385.00
Oct. 30.	Interest on \$210, Oct. 13 to Oct. 30,		.60	.
June 2.	" \$360, Oct. 8, 1896, to April 8,			
	1897,		10.80	
Aug. 18.	Interest on \$175, Apr. 12, to Aug. 18,		3.73	15.13
Oct. 18.	Postage, 20 cts. Receipt blanks, 38 cts.,			.58
19.	Expenses to Hartford to audit books,			.90
	Appropriation for quarter, Oct. 1st,			262.50
	Secretary's expenses,			10.75
	Bills payable, Edward Miller,			125.00
	Interest on \$125, Jan. 9, to date,			5.89
				\$2,051.18

An address was given by the president, the Rev. W. G. Fennell, and remarks were made by Rev. J. S. Lyon and the Hon. James L. Howard, after which, by motions, the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were adopted and ordered printed in the minutes.

Upon motion of Governor Howard, the president was requested to embody his address in the form of a circular to be sent to all the churches in the state. An extended address was delivered by the Rev. Edward O. Holyoke of Providence, Pres-

ident of the Rhode Island Baptist Education Society, following which Prof. H. L. Thompson gave a report from the Connecticut Literary Institution.

The Committee on Nominations presented a report, and by vote of the body the chairman was instructed to cast the ballot for those nominated as follows:

President, Rev. W. G. Fennell, Meriden.

Vice-Presidents, Rev. J. R. Stubbart, New London; L. S. Morris, Bridgeport.

Secretary, Rev. E. C. Sage, New Haven.

Treasurer, Edward Miller, Sr., Meriden.

Auditor, Thomas Sisson, Hartford.

Trustees, Rev. Geo. M. Stone, D.D., Hartford; Rev. Harold Pattison, Hartford; J. W. Lamb, Esq., Hartford; Rev. F. G. McKeever, New London; Rev. G. F. Genung, D.D., Suffield.

By vote of the body the chairman of the Committee on Nomination of Trustees for the Connecticut Literary Institute was instructed to cast the ballot for the persons named in their report as follows:

TRUSTEES OF CONNECTICUT LITERARY INSTITUTION.

Term Expires 1900.

Rev. G. M. Stone, D.D., Hartford.

Rev. E. C. Sage, D.D., New Haven.

M. T. Newton, M.D., Suffield.

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Edward Miller, Sr., Meriden.

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Hon. E. L. Lyford, Springfield, Mass.

Lewis Hall, Meriden.

Hon. R. P. Wilbur, Mystic.

The Committee on Enrollment reported through its chairman, Rev. H. M. Ives, that offerings had been received to the amount of \$50.22.

After prayer by Rev. E. M. Poteat, D.D., the meeting adjourned.

W. G. Fennell, *President*.

E. C. Sage, *Secretary*.

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This certifies that Mr. _____ is a regular member of the _____ Baptist Church in this town; that he sustains a good moral and religious character; that in the judgment of this church he is called by the Lord to the Christian ministry; and that he possesses talents which, with a good education, would render him useful in this sacred work. He is, therefore, recommended to the Connecticut Baptist Education Society for their patronage.

Signed by order and in behalf of the _____ Baptist Church in _____

Clerk.

Pastor.

This certificate must be endorsed by three regularly ordained ministers of the Baptist denomination, in addition to the signatures of the clerk and pastor of the church of which the applicant is a member.

BRIEF RECORD OF ASSOCIATIONS.

ASHFORD ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting was held with the Brooklyn Church Sept. 1st and 2d. Theodore D. Pond of Brooklyn was chosen Moderator, and Rev. G. C. Chappell of Warrenton, Clerk and Treasurer. The annual sermon was preached by Rev. J. B. Lemon. The Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies held the customary meetings. The usual appeals were made by the representatives of the denominational missionary societies. The returns from the churches showed that there had been 47 baptisms in 7 churches. The gain in membership was 13. Total benevolence reported, \$2,584.32, against \$2,097.97 last year. The next session was appointed to meet in Willimantic on the first Wednesday of September. Rev. A. W. Hand of Putnam to be the preacher, with Rev. W. L. Atherton of Woodstock to be the alternate.

FAIRFIELD ASSOCIATION.

The 59th Anniversary of this body was held with the church in Northville, Sept. 22d and 23d. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. R. O. Sherwood, from John xv, 8, "Christ's Standard of Discipleship." Rev. G. W. Nicholson was elected Moderator, and Rev. R. O. Sherwood, Clerk. Rev. C. L. Rhoades preached the missionary sermon. The Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies held profitable meetings, and all the sessions of the association were of much more than usual interest. The remoteness of the place prevented a large attendance, but the members of the entertaining church were indefatigable in their attentions to their guests. The next meeting will be held on the fourth Wednesday of September, at a place to be appointed. Opening sermon to be preached by Rev. C. I. Ramsey. Baptisms reported, 167; increase in membership, 48.

HARTFORD ASSOCIATION.

The 109th Session of this body was held with the Second Suffield Church, September 15 and 16, 1897. Rev. J. S. Lyon was elected Moderator, and Rev. L. B. Curtis, Clerk. In the absence of the appointed preacher, Rev. H. M. Thompson preached the introductory sermon, from Isaiah, liii, 4. Addresses were made on "Our Problems," by Rev. P. S. Evans, Rev. Harold Pattison, Rev. Frank Dixon, and Rev. J. S. Lyon. The Wednesday evening session was devoted to the work of the Young People's Societies, and an address was given by Rev. J. H. Strong, on "Moral Earnestness." Thursday forenoon, during the "Sunday-school Hour," Rev. C. L. Rhoades of Stamford spoke on the theme, "The Child an Interrogation Point." Rev. I. F. Stidham preached the missionary sermon. A joint meet-

ing of the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies was held, with an address by Mrs. J. N. Chase, and an address was made by Rev. Dr. Spalding, in behalf of the Publication Society. The number of baptisms reported was 218, the increase in membership, 128. The next meeting will be held in Torrington on the third Wednesday of September, 1898. Preachers, J. S. Lyon, alternate, Harold Pattison; and J. H. Strong, alternate, A. P. Wedge.

NEW HAVEN ASSOCIATION.

The annual session of this body was held with the Wallingford Church Oct. 6 and 7. Rev. F. W. C. Meyer, of New Haven, the Moderator of last year, called the Association to order. Rev. W. P. Chipman, D.D., of Essex, preached the annual sermon from Matt. xi, 11. Rev. E. L. Sage was chosen Moderator, and Rev. E. W. Husted, Clerk. The Treasurer of the Widow and Orphan Fund reported \$1,500 in the treasury, and no payments made during the year. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was addressed by Miss Bonnell. The Society had raised \$1,333.65.

From the letters of the churches it appeared that 329 had been added by baptism, and 149 by letter. Some of the churches had revised their list of members. Reported erasures were 158, dismission by letter, 187, deaths, 86. The actual gain in membership was but 13. The benevolences of the churches aggregated \$24,406, and their total of moneys raised reached \$562,883.

Addresses were made by Rev. C. A. Piddock, for the Convention; Rev. C. A. Reese for Newton; Rev. C. H. Spalding for the Publication Society; Rev. Dr. Stone for the Suffield School; Dr. Hazlewood for the Home Mission Society, and Miss MacLaurin for the Foreign Missionary Union.

The meetings were largely attended and the interest sustained throughout. Next meeting 1st Wednesday of October, 1898.

NEW LONDON ASSOCIATION.

The 50th Anniversary was held with the Second Waterford Baptist Church at Quaker Hill, Sept. 8th and 9th. Rev. J. R. Stubbert was elected Moderator, and Rev. J. Chester Hyde, Clerk. The annual sermon was preached by Rev. Joseph McKean. Text, Ephesians, xi, 20-22. Rev. J. R. Stubbert preached the missionary sermon. Text, Matthew, xiv, 16. The whole of Wednesday evening was given to the interests of the Young People's Societies; 16 having reported last year (1896), aggregating 927 members. There were 162 Baptisms reported from 16 churches. The gain in membership was 104. Total benevolence was \$6,780.29, against \$5,730.17 last year. The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies held meetings, presenting interesting speakers. During the exercises nearly all the societies claiming benevolent support from this

constituency sent secretaries or officers, who delivered most excellent addresses to a crowded house. Next meeting to be held with the Montville Union Baptist Church in Palmertown, Sept. 14 and 15, 1898. Preacher of annual sermon, Rev. C. H. Peckham, alternate, Rev. H. E. Martin; of the missionary sermon, Rev. S. G. Hastings, alternate, Rev. H. M. Wolf, Jr.

STONINGTON UNION ASSOCIATION.

The 125th Anniversary of this Association was held with the Noank Church on Wednesday and Thursday, June 9th and 10th. This was the church which received so large an accession to its membership in 1896. During that revival 172 had been baptized. This added increased attraction to the yearly meeting of the Association. The Annual Sermon was preached by Rev. Archibald Wheaton, from I Cor., ix, 16. Rev. Archibald Wheaton was elected Moderator, and Rev. E. Dewhurst, Clerk. Rev. Edward Judson, D.D., of New York, preached from John xv, 4. Addresses were made by Rev. C. N. Rust, of the Chapel Car, "Glad Tidings"; by Gen. T. J. Morgan, D.D., on the work of the Home Mission Society, and by Rev. A. Bunker, D.D., of Toungoo, Burma, on "The Leadings of the Holy Spirit in Missions." There were 32 baptisms reported. The decrease in membership was 103. The next meeting of the Association will be held in Voluntown June 8 and 9, 1898. Preachers, Rev. D. W. Phelps and Rev. W. C. Martin.

